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Justice . . . for Andrew

VICTORY OVER HARPER KILLERS

PC ANDREW Harper's family and colleagues have expressed relief after the Government U-turned on early prison release, saying: "It's justice for Harps."

PM Andy Burnham yesterday bowed to a million-strong petition backed by The Sun and said that anyone convicted of unlawful killing will be exempt from the scheme.

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CRASH PC'S BRAVE LADS

STREAMING MILESTONE

Billion reasons to be smiley, Kylie

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So courageous . . . lads with Utd stars. Right, at match with PC Blades

Sons in-mascot tribute at their beloved Man U

By PAUL SIMS and RICHARD MORIARTY

THE brave sons of a cop killed in the A66 crash paid tribute to their "superhero" dad yesterday as mascots at his beloved Manchester United.

PC Matthew Blades' lads, eight and six, led out the Red Devils against Ipswich Town at Old Trafford.

Full Story — Pages 4 and 5

UNITED FOR DAD

WALKOVER FOR AVANTI DRIVERS

BURNHAM BUCKLES TO TRAIN UNIONS

Train trip . . . Mr Burnham

Big pay rise to avoid strike on his journey

ANDY Burnham has been accused of capitulating to militant unions by handing train drivers a bumper pay rise.

The PM has signed off an inflation-busting 3.6 per cent increase to avert strikes on the Avanti service that takes him back to Manchester.

By JACK ELSOM, Political Editor

The Aslef union had rejected a previous offer and threatened industrial action.

Avanti drivers, who start on £70,000 salaries, will be able to earn more for working weekends under the deal, according to The Sunday Times. In return, the union has agreed to accept rotas digitally rather than them being printed out.

Shadow Transport Secretary Richard Holden said: "Andy Burnham has caved to union power. Labour have already handed over billions with no strings attached, and passengers have seen services decline and taxpayers a bigger bill. This settlement just makes it worse."

The Avanti West Coast is the line Mr Burnham would take to his new No10 North if he chose to go by train. Avanti, set to be nationalised next year, is one of the UK's worst-performing rail firms.

The Department for Transport said: "This deal will avoid highly disruptive bank holiday strike action, reduce short-term cancellations, and modernise work practices."

Aslef donated more than £300,000 to Labour in 2024.

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Mystery . . . how pic got out

Maduro's 1st photo from jail

By NICK MIAO

OUSTED Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro smiled and flashed peace signs in pictures taken inside a US prison.

The detained dictator, 63, and wife Cilia Flores, 69, have spent months behind bars since US special forces captured them at their Caracas compound in January.

Maduro was in a grey prison tracksuit and Nike trainers in the first known images of him in the New York jail. It is unclear who took the photos or how they have come to be posted on his social media pages.

Caught . . . in January

He wrote alongside the pics that he and Cilia are "standing firm, with our hearts full of your love".

Maduro added: "I'm sending these photos as a small gift to my grandchildren . . . and to all the good people who love us."

The pictures are dated June 25 – a day after two earthquakes in Venezuela killed over 6,500 people.

Maduro denies charges involving drugs and weapons during his ten years as its president.

US target Iran after a month

By FEDERICA ADRIANI

U.S. FORCES yesterday hit two rocket launchers on Iran's Larak Island, in the first known American strikes since late July.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said the attack in the vital Strait of Hormuz shipping route killed or wounded several soldiers and citizens.

A US official said that Iranian forces were seen preparing to launch sea mines into the Strait's international waters.

Last week President Donald Trump said all such mines had been detonated or removed.

He added Iran had been warned any ship or boat placing new mines would be destroyed.

ICELAND 'NO' TO EU

Happy geysers . . . 'No' campaigners cheer result

By ANDY ROBINSON

ICELAND has dealt a huge blow to Brussels by voting to stay out of the European Union.

Residents rejected a Reykjavik government push to reopen membership talks, amid concerns joining would risk surrendering key fishing waters.

The Nordic island of 400,000 people had initially been expected to narrowly back talks. But 52.8 per cent voted against in Saturday's "Reykxit" referendum, in a high turnout of 82.5 per cent.

An unnamed EU diplomat said: "This is a clear setback for Brussels."

Iceland's prime minister Kristrun Frostadottir, *left*, called the result a "big lesson" for her.

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BLOB BALLOONS

CIVIL service salary costs have doubled in a decade to £22.5billion, analysis shows.

The headcount in Whitehall has also grown at triple the rate of the rest of the public sector since 2016, from 418,340 to 557,825.

TaxPayers' Alliance research found that average civil service wages increased by six per cent last year, with at least 150 mandarins earning at least £175,000 – more than the PM.

Darwin Friend, research director at the campaign group, said: "The civil service is no longer a sleek Rolls-Royce, but a mammoth oil tanker drifting towards disaster."

GRAND CANYON FLOOD HORROR

MORE than 20 people are missing after a Grand Canyon flash flood.

Heavy rain sent torrents of water into the tourist hotspot in Arizona.

Dozens of hikers were evacuated from Bright Angel Creek as boulders were swept away.

Nepal floods — Page 17

SCOT DRILL CALL

A CONTENDER to be Scottish Labour leader has urged Andy Burnham to ramp up North Sea drilling.

Joe Fagan – a member of the Scottish Parliament – called on the PM to approve the Rosebank and Jackdaw oil and gas fields "to do the right thing for the country".

He added: "We're going to rely on oil and gas for some years and I don't think it makes sense to be relying on imports when we can build domestic production."

But Mr Burnham is tipped to stick with Labour's Net Zero vow not to grant new drilling. Mr Fagan aims to replace Anas Sarwar – now a minister and peer.

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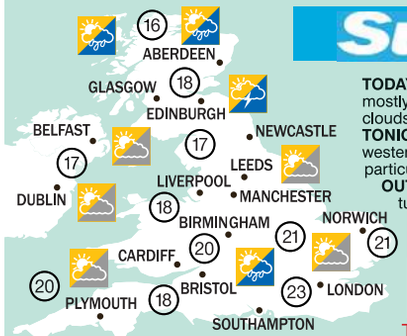

TODAY: Rain showers across the North and West, mostly cloudy in Central regions. Dry conditions with clouds in Southern England.

TONIGHT: Cloudy across most of England with light westerly winds. Dry conditions expected overnight, particularly in Southern and Central regions.

OUTLOOK: Tuesday sees mostly sunny skies turning cloudy in the afternoon across England. Wednesday remains cloudy with mild temperatures and increasing winds.

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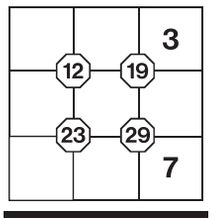

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

PROPERTY guru **KIRSTIE ALLSOPP**, **55**, *left*, England ace **ANGEL GOMES**, **26**, *right*, singer **VAN MORRISON**, **81**, Biffy Clyro frontman **SIMON NEIL**, **47**, Geordie Shore's **CHLOE FERRY**, **31**, and Hollywood actor **RICHARD GERE**, **77**.

● **Last night's Health Lottery numbers: 14, 18, 21, 26, 32. Bonus: 20.**

POP ICON'S SONG MILESTONE

By JANINE YAQOOB, TV Reporter

KYLIE Minogue shares some unseen throwback snaps to celebrate Can't Get You Out Of My Head becoming her first billion-streaming hit.

The pop icon, 58, told of her pride as the hit surpassed the Spotify milestone 25 years after its release on September 8, 2001.

She is seen in test shots for the video – a fan favourite showing her in outfits including a deeply-plunging white number slashed to both thighs.

Kylie wrote: "Thank you to everyone all around the world who has streamed and sang and danced and loved!

"Way before streaming, here I am doing wardrobe and glam tests in preparation for the video.

"Someone tell her she's hit a billion."

Can Get You Out Of My Head, the lead single from her acclaimed album Fever, is currently streamed around 850,000 times per day. The single topped the charts in more than 40 countries, with over five million sales globally.

The Aussie may be popping champagne corks but, in an interview with Vogue Australia this week, she said she had reined in her drinking since her wildest days.

She joins the billion stream club alongside stars including The Weeknd, who tops the chart with 5.5billion streams for hit Blinding Lights.

Ed Sheeran comes a close second with Shape of You on 5.1billion.

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Flashback . . . her test shots & vid, inset

Can't get you out of my headphones

KYLIE HITS 1 BILLION STREAMS

BRUCIE BONUS OF BEING MISS WORLD

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SONS' POIGNANT TRIBUTE

BELOVED HUSBAND

Sarah and PC Matthew Blades

This was a special moment.. Matt and the boys lived United

By PAUL SIMS and RICHARD MORIARTY

MANCHESTER United paid a poignant tribute to A66 crash cop Matthew Blades yesterday — as his two football-mad sons stepped out as mascots at Old Trafford.

The boys, six and eight, shared their dad's love of United and were often pictured with him watching their Premier League heroes.

United won 5-2 against Ipswich Town and the club remembered "Proud Red" PC Blades, 37, as a "devoted family man who dedicated his life to helping others".

His distraught widow, Sarah, was in the crowd to watch their sons fulfil a dream in the most tragic of circumstances.

A source told The Sun: "This was a very special moment for the boys. The three of them lived United.

"Everyone is naturally focused on Sarah and the boys and getting them through this. They're in the very opening moments of an unimaginable nightmare.

"They have got no idea how to navigate it all, but Sarah knew this would be special for the boys – and Matt would have loved it."

Facebook images show Matt and his boys at previous matches, including with ex-boss Ruben Amorim and mascot Fred the Red.

A close friend and colleague of the officer said: "For Matthew, United was a lifelong love, a passion he shared with his family.

"Since Matt's tragic death there has been an extraordinary outpouring of grief and support. That love has been seen in countless tributes and acts of kindness."

A full house of more than 74,000 fans at Old Trafford gave the brave youngsters a standing ovation as they walked out with captain Bruno Fernandes and goalkeeper Senne Lammens just eight days after the crash which claimed their dad's life.

PC Blades and Iraq war veteran PC Tom Clough, 38, were killed when a VW Passat on the wrong side of the road hit their car. Five youngsters in the Passat died as they tried to escape police in Middlesbrough.

The club posted its tribute to PC Blades in matchday programme United Review. It read: "It was with great sadness that Manchester United learned of the death of PC Matthew Blades and his colleague PC Tom Clough.

"Matthew was a proud Red, a devoted family man and a police officer who dedicated his life to helping others. For Matt, some of his happiest times were spent watching United with his boys.

"His wife Sarah and two children will be at today's game, with his sons leading out the Reds as mascots." In her own tribute, issued in the wake of the crash, Sarah described Matt as "our superhero" and "the most devoted father to our two young boys".

She added: "The pain of losing him is beyond words, and our lives will never be the same. Neither will the love he gave us ever fade.

"Our children will grow up knowing what an incredible father he was and will always be, and I will carry his love, his memory and everything we shared with me always. He may have left this world committed to the duty he believed in, but his greatest legacy will always be the love he gave to his family."

PC Blades and fellow firearms officer PC Clough died in the early hours crash on Saturday August 22.

The five in the Passat – Michael Cahill, Jakub Matusiak, both 23, Makai Saddington, 18, and 17-year-olds Cole Worthy and Theo Rae – were also killed on the A66.

The gang drove towards oncoming traffic in a bid to shake off police during a high-speed chase. Cops abandoned the seven-minute pursuit as soon as they entered the dual carriageway. But ten seconds later at 3.39am the Passat smashed into the armed response unit being driven by the two officers.

The gang had been searching for rivals after properties linked to them were rammed by a Volvo XC60. At 3am, the Volvo shunted into a home belonging to Cole Worthy's dad, Gye, 38.

Moments later, the Volvo barged an Audi into the front of a home belonging to Theo Rae's family

The silver Audi, owned by Rae's mum Hollie Marie, was pulled out of the property as cops flooded the area amid fears of reprisals.

By then, Rae and Worthy had joined the others in searching for the culprits. The fallout saw a gangland feud in Middlesbrough turn nuclear.

An extra 200 specialist officers, including armed cops and gang-busting detectives, were scrambled from six other northern forces to tackle the violence.

A GoFundMe page set up by Cleveland Police for the two police officers' families has so far raised more than £1million.

The Police Federation's acting

Fatal crash . . . our story

TO PC KILLED BY 'JOYRIDE'

Picture: NAOMI BAKER/GETTY

BRAVE LADS LEAD OUT REDS

Mascots . . . the lads with Lammens and Fernandes

HERO 'WOULD HAVE LOVED IT'

deputy national chair Paul Williams said there was "tremendous grief" among the force's officers.

Assistant Chief Constable Wayne Fox has vowed to continue the crackdown on organised crime, insisting: "Be assured, our relentless pursuit of suspected organised criminals will not waver."

Tees Valley mayor Ben Houchen said: "The problem has never been the people of Middlesbrough, but a drugs trade that has sunk its claws into the town, and wannabe gangsters who settle their petty scores in broad daylight with no thought for anyone else."

Boys' day out . . . PC Blades and his sons with Fred the Red

THEATRE OF DREAMS

PC Blades with one of his sons at Old Trafford

SELFIE WITH GAFFER

Ex-boss Amorim poses with PC Blades and son

REGULARS FOR REDS

Facebook photo of tragic cop and son at match

REF PAYS RESPECT

By PAUL SIMS

REF Tony Harrington, a friend of PC Blades, wore a black armband during Leeds United's 1-1 Premier League draw with Brentford yesterday.

His fellow match officials also wore armbands for the fallen cop.

On Saturday there was a minute's applause for PC Blades and colleague PC Tom Clough ahead of Middlesbrough's 3-1 Championship win against West Bromwich Albion.

The faces of the duo appeared on big screens in emotional scenes minutes before kick-off.

People also gathered to pay tribute at Seaton Carew FC's game against FC Hartlepool in Northern League Division Two.

PC Blades had been a junior football coach at both teams and was looking forward to coaching his youngest son this season.

Friend . . . Harrington

PM MUST TACKLE TROUBLED ESTATES OF GRANGETOWN: SEE P26 & 27

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Ripped off . . . cab door

Terror on tracks as van hit at crossing

By RICHARD MORIARTY

A RAIL passenger said she felt lucky to be alive after her train hit a van at a level crossing, killing the delivery driver

Sophie Cassidy, 26, said flying glass hit her little girl when the door to the train driver's cab was ripped off its hinges.

The mum of two, whose daughter suffered a minor wound, had seen the van travelling on the road toward the crossing before the impact.

She said: "I can't put into words how lucky we are to be alive. I'm still trying to wrap my mind around it all."

The van driver was pronounced dead at the scene and two people on the train were treated for minor injuries.

Investigations were continuing after Saturday afternoon's crash in Burscough, West Lancs.

Train operator Northern kept the Wigan Wallgate-Southport route closed yesterday.

Major hub . . . station

Stab Brit dies after ambush at station

By LAUREN UTTLEY

A BRITISH woman has died after she was knifed in an early hours ambush at a railway station.

The 31-year-old was found seriously injured at 12.50am yesterday.

She was rushed to hospital where she died from severe injuries.

Police arrested a 27-year-old German man at the scene in Rosenheim, Bavaria.

It has not yet been confirmed whether or not he was known to the woman.

Police were investigating motives and have urged witnesses to come forward.

Rosenheim is one of the largest cities in Upper Bavaria and a busy rail hub for people travelling to Vienna and Salzburg in Austria.

The Rosenheimer Herbstfest, an event similar to the Oktoberfest beer festival, is currently taking place there.

SHOW IN SHOCK RETURN

Hit . . Nicole on show, and right, with Louis, Simon and Dermot

It's a yes from me!

I didn't like it, I loved it

It's a no from me!

YOU'VE MADE THAT PHRASE YOUR OWN

Bosses trademark X Factor sayings

By FELICITY CROSS

X FACTOR catchphrases have been trademarked by telly bosses ahead of its shock return.

They include some of head honcho Simon Cowell's favourite sayings such as: "I didn't like it, I loved it".

The reboot has been secretly in the works since December but staff were sworn to secrecy as chiefs prepared for the return by filing the trademarks.

A source said: "X Factor will be coming back into a whole new arena, where social media is king, memes make money and a viral moment can mean win or lose.

"Trademarking key phrases is part of that – and Simon's known for his critiques. Bosses lodged, 'It's a yes from me', 'It's a no from me' and 'I didn't like it, I loved it' in December."

Insiders say those phrases have now been registered by the Intellectual Property Office. It stops others using them for business purposes.

Yesterday's Sun on Sunday revealed that ITV and production firm Talkback Thames had held talks on an X Factor comeback after seven years off air.

It had 19 million viewers at its peak and launched the careers of One Direction and Leona Lewis.

Judges have included Nicole Scherzinger and Louis Walsh, with hosts such as Dermot O'Leary.

Show supremo Simon, 66, is expected to return in some capacity.

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Our exclusive . . yesterday

FALL TYCOON TXT: 'TRUST NO ONE'

ASOS tycoon Quentin Griffiths texted his son to say "trust no one" the day before he plunged to his death from his 17th-floor apartment balcony.

And within hours of the tragedy in Thailand, two mystery men had ransacked the Brit's villa a few miles away.

It is far sooner than first thought, raising questions over how they

EXCLUSIVE by ROBIN PERRIE

knew of the death of Griffiths, 58. Soon after, the first of three tranches of cryptocurrency, worth £2.6million in total, was taken out of his online wallet.

As a UK coroner tries to unravel the mystery, The Sun visited Thailand to investigate. We found cops did not inspect four devices found at the apartment, so didn't explore the text Griffiths sent son Joel, 29, or check who he had an angry call with shortly before he died in February.

Mystery . . . Griffiths

And Rattikan Ladlakhon, sister of Ae Ladlakhon – the nanny of his two young children – said: "Ae told us she could not believe he had killed himself, there had been no warning signs."

Griffiths' UK family and his ex-wife are locked in a custody battle over the kids.

A pre-inquest hearing will be held in his hometown of Bournemouth tomorrow.

PC HARPER

WIPING THE SMIRKS OFF THEIR FACES

Killers Bowers, left, and Cole seen laughing as they left a court hearing

By MIKE SULLIVAN, Crime Editor

THE mother of PC Andrew Harper yesterday welcomed the Government's U-turn on early prison release — but added that dithering on the decision had put their family "through the mill".

PM Andy Burnham bowed to pressure and announced that killers, including the teenage burglary gang who dragged PC Harper to his death, will be exempt from being freed early.

His mother Debbie Adlam said "We are glad but we've been brought through the mill."

Mr Burnham's U-turn means that instead of releasing prisoners serving sentences for unlawful killing like manslaughter, cell space will be freed up by deporting foreign lags and ending controversial indefinite sentences.

But critics warned high-risk offenders who could cause serious harm to the public could now return to the streets by curtailing the Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) scheme.

The announcement about PC Harper's killers followed a petition – promoted by The Sun – signed by more than one million people to block their freedom.

Petition organiser Aileen O'Connor, chair of the Thames Valley Police Federation branch, said: "We are delighted the Government finally listened and a measure of justice for Harps can now be delivered."

Two of the teenage travellers who killed PC Harper – Jessie Cole and Albert Bowers – had been due to be freed within months under original proposals of the Sentencing Act to relieve prison overcrowding.

The pair were aged 17 and passengers in a Seat Toledo with a trailing tow rope which caught the 28-year-old PC's ankles in August 2019 after the gang tried to steal a quad bike.

Newlywed PC Harper, due to go on honeymoon after his late shift, was dragged more than a mile down a lane in Sulhamstead, Berks.

Cole and Bowers were jailed for 13 years each at the Old Bailey the following year after being convicted of manslaughter.

Driver Henry Long, 18 at the time, got 16 years after admitting the same offence at a trial during which the trio laughed and joked. Long was acquitted of murder after telling jurors he had loud music on in his car and could not hear the officer.

Uproar broke out when news of the imminent release of Cole and Bowers was revealed last month.

PC Harper's widow Lissie Harper described it as "a punch in the gut."

Lissie, 34, who campaigned for Harper's Law ensuring mandatory life sentences for anyone convicted of killing an emergency worker, told the PM: "You should be ashamed."

And 50 police chiefs, including Met boss Sir Mark Rowley, signed a letter urging the Government to reconsider its proposals.

Mr Burnham initially resisted changes to the plans but paused the scheme following the backlash.

Announcing the U-turn on planned tariff cuts for killers yesterday, the PM told the BBC: "I heard, obviously, what Andrew Harper's family were saying, I mean, who couldn't? Nobody would want a position to arise where those guilty of killing a police officer are let out early from prison."

The pair will now serve two thirds of their tariff before they are

Nobody wants a position to arise where those guilty of killing an officer are let out early from jail — PM, YESTERDAY

Ordeal . . . PC Harper's mother Debbie Adlam

THUGS TO STAY LOCKED UP

I'm glad.. but we've been put through the mill

● MUM ON JAIL U-TURN
● BUT 'RISK' LAGS GET OUT

Newlyweds . . . Andrew and his bride Lissie

eligible for parole. As well those convicted of manslaughter and murder, early release will not apply to people convicted of rape, child sex offences and grooming, indecent assault and causing death by dangerous driving

Debbie said the past two months had been "traumatic" adding: "It's a really mixed bag of emotions because on the one hand we are glad, but we've been through the mill, and we are only back at where we were to start with."

She told BBC Breakfast she worried "immensely" for others without the same outcome as them, adding that "the overall system has left some huge gaps still".

She expressed hope the PM would deliver on a pledge for a further overhaul of the justice system over the next few years.

Meanwhile, the number who have signed the petition calling for early freedom to be blocked for PC Harper's killers stood at 1,071,640.

Thames Valley Police Fed chair Ms O'Connor said they should never have been considered for early release, adding: "It remains shocking that they were."

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Test run . . . Julia and tag

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

By JULIA ATHERLEY

I PARK my car and step out — suddenly wishing I had worn baggy trousers to cover the huge black box strapped to my ankle.

I had been given a tag which will be fitted to many early release prisoners.

After driving from HMP Ranby, near Retford, Notts, I arrive at a probation office near Mansfield rail station.

Probation officer Kayley Parson notes I arrive sooner than expected, so she clicks on one of the yellow dots on a huge screen plotting my journey precisely.

To my relief they tell her I was going at a safe 55mph on the A614. But a sea of red shows I'd driven straight through my exclusion zone, which had been set as the village of Ollerton.

Victims of abuse are set to be given a say as to where such zones are drawn up, making it less likely they come face-to-face with their offender. If I was a real criminal, I'd get a jail recall.

THE Sun SAYS

Victims first

ANDY Burnham has finally shown common sense by blocking the early release of PC Andrew Harper's remorseless killers.

But why on earth did it take so long?

The PM was forced to act amid an outpouring of public fury – with 50 police chiefs voicing their anger and a million people signing a protest petition.

With parliament returning tomorrow, he could no longer afford to ignore such a massive outcry.

But six weeks of dither and delay only put the hero cop's family through the wringer. They were forced to endure yet more anxiety because officials and lawyers making decisions behind desks failed to grasp the devastating human cost. That is simply shameful.

Driven by sheer force of public opinion, Burnham has shown he has the power to overrule insensitive penpushers.

But he must not allow one victory to become another injustice. He must make sure the price of keeping two killers behind bars is not paid by victims of other violent criminals – including people-traffickers and domestic abusers – who could now be released early in their place.

Instead, the PM must deliver on his promise to deport thousands of foreign criminals clogging up our jails.

The public has had enough of excuses, delays and legal wrangling.

It is time to put all victims first.

Pain train

THE opening of Number 10 North was hailed by the PM as a "transfer of power" out of London.

But it seems more like a transfer of money from taxpayers into the pockets of Labour's well-paid union buddies.

Andy Burnham has signed off an inflation-busting 3.6 per cent pay rise for train drivers on over £70,000-a-year who operate the Avanti service between Manchester and the capital. They will also get up to £720 simply for turning up to work on a fifth day of the week to avoid strikes.

With little more than half of trains on the route between Number 10 North and South arriving on time, many passengers will wonder if they deserve it.

Or whether it's a price we have to pay to spare the PM's blushes.

EU cuts no Ice

THE EU's latest bid to expand has been frozen in its tracks by the people of Iceland, who voted resoundingly against reopening membership talks.

While Brussels bureaucrats were rubbing their hands at the prospect of another wealthy member, the plan was wrecked in Reykjavik in a referendum.

Iceland's 400,000 population gave the EU the cold shoulder and decided to keep control of its sovereignty, its borders and its precious fishing waters.

They know you can have strong ties with Europe without handing Brussels the keys.

Jack Elsom

POLITICAL EDITOR

MOST politicians obey an unspoken rule of never responding to announcements made by the Liberal Democrats.

It only awards them the relevance they crave. Far better to leave them shouting into their own echo yurts.

It is why that poor old wetsuit-botherer Ed Davey is wheeled out by his team to promote policies with increasingly tiresome stunts.

But I'm afraid I have bitten on their latest wheeze to join the EU's asylum pact as an apparently sure-fire way to stop the boats.

Announcing the policy, the party's Home Affairs spokesman, Max Wilkinson, said: "What nobody ever says about small boat crossings is how much they've been enabled by Brexit."

Actually, diehard Remainers often do.

But they conveniently ignore the fact that not only did the crossings start before we exited Brussels, they also coincided with a drop-off in land routes.

As Oxford's Migration Observatory says: "Increased enforcement of other unauthorised modes of entry, such as lorries and trains, is likely to have contributed to the initial rise of the small boat route into the UK."

Europhiles also love to cite Brexit pulling us out of the Dublin Agreement, where we had the ability to return illegal migrants back to the Continent in return for a share of other countries' asylum seekers.

They are less keen to mention the stats.

In the final year of EU membership, Britain sent back 105 migrants . . . and were given 882 in return.

PM must show he isn't just a Keir 2.0

WESTMINSTER is always abuzz at the start of a new parliamentary "school" year, especially with the arrival of a fresh-faced Prime Minister.

Andy Burnham has certainly been relaxing into the role of the trendy new headmaster trying to be cool with the kids who grew bored of their po-faced old leader.

But I've noticed many in the SW1 bubble have spent the last few days looking back – not forward – to ask: What was the point in getting rid of Keir Starmer?

This soul-searching has been prompted by signs that Burnham might not be all that different from his predecessor.

Of the three biggest crises facing the country – immigration, welfare and defence – there is little in the way of change.

Burnham insists the "plan is working" to stop the boats. Channel numbers may be down – fair enough – but after almost a decade, the public still see no end to this farce.

'Grubby deal'

Any meaningful cutbacks to the monster benefits bill have been kicked into the long grass, with nothing expected until next year at the earliest.

And, somewhat remarkably, Chancellor John Healey is refusing to guarantee that defence spending will hit three per cent of GDP until 2030.

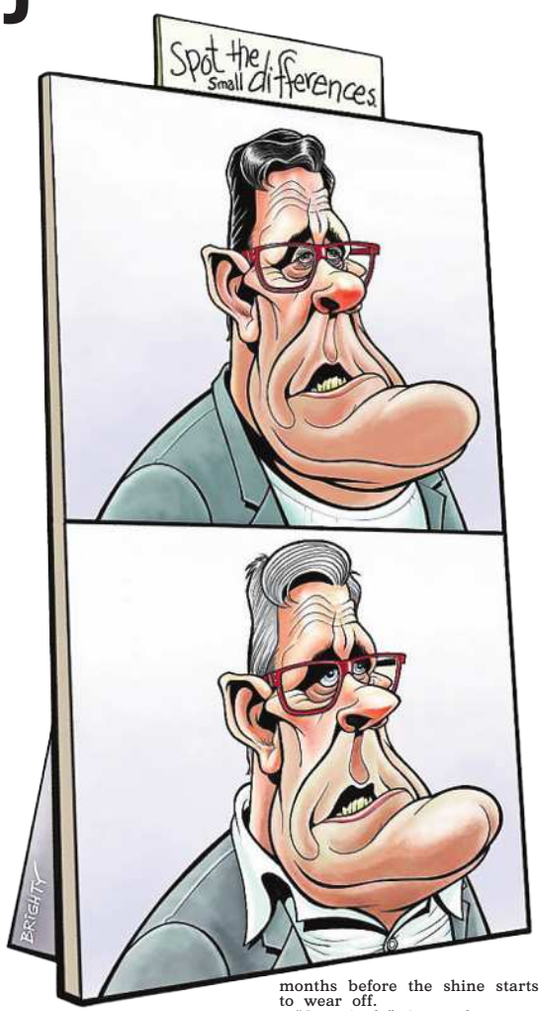
This is, of course, the same John Healey who quit as Defence Secretary from Starmer's Cabinet and sent it spinning into freefall because of the refusal to guarantee that same target.

Such a spectacular welching led some over the weekend to mutter darkly about whether his resignation was really that noble after all.

One former Starmer aide tells me: "Healey's resignation was never a matter of principle, it was just about triggering a leadership crisis in support of the grubby deal he'd made with Burnham."

This is rubbished as "nonsense" by an ally of the Chancellor, but it speaks to the scarring left on the Labour family by Burnham's coup.

Especially when Healey marches on to Sky News with a promise to be a "continuity" Chancellor to Rachel Reeves, the most unpopular person to ever hold the role. Much of Burnham's summer cost-of-living package was reheated Starmer stuff, and the PM also appears to have inherited his taste for reviews and consultations instead of action.



Was there a point to getting rid of Starmer, with all of the divisions and bitterness caused as a result?

Team Burnham would point to the clear bounce in the polls as visible justification.

Upon the new PM's coronation, Labour jumped around five percentage points to leapfrog Reform into pole position.

But that bump is already fading. Most new PMs enjoy a honeymoon of around three months before the shine starts to wear off.

"Our Andy" is spades more charismatic and camera-friendly than his wooden predecessor, but his David Brent tribute act is fast wearing thin.

The challenge for the PM was always going to be disowning Starmer while simultaneously helping himself to his mandate.

Burnham has publicly nipped early election speculation in the bud, even if Labour aides talk of little else in private.

As he arrives back to Parliament, the most he can do is prove to people he has learned the lessons of Calamity Keir. For example, control your party or they will control you.

Starmer tried to act the tough guy by sacking dissidents over trivial issues while capitulating on the big stuff like welfare.

It was a saga from which he never recovered, and by the end it was humiliating as Labour MPs walked all over him.

Burnham has the luxury of being fawned over by his party and being safe in the knowledge they are highly unlikely to defenestrate another leader.

With this in mind, it might be wise to lance the boil early on the issues that give squeamish Labour MPs cold sweats, such as benefits and defence.

Learn to say no to the civil service, too. They vastly outnumber the politicians and will run rings around you without a firm hand.

If they present you with three bad options, tell them to go back and draw up a fourth.

The debacle over PC Harper's killers shows that you can overrule Whitehall's "computer says no" culture.

If you are going to U-turn, do it fast and clean rather than the torturous, drawn-out backsliding that defined much of the Starmer premiership.

Many flaws

It was obvious that the public would never accept PC Harper's killers being released early, but Burnham squandered unnecessary political capital digging in before bowing to the inevitable.

Also, get rid of the pointless reviews and consultations and have the balls to take action.

And finally, remember you are in charge. One of Starmer's many flaws was never really making the shift from opposition politics into government.

He was constantly "furious" about things happening in the country – which he was running.

At his first PMQs clash this week, Burnham should resist the urge to drone on about "14 years of Tory rule".

By the end, even Labour MPs seemed to groan whenever Starmer vowed to "take no lectures" from the other side.

Nobody put a gun to Starmer's head and forced him to be PM. He wanted the job and fell short.

Burnham has similarly gone to great lengths to secure the highest office in the land.

He may lack a mandate of his own, but he can at least show voters he is a different class.

Launch . . . telescope

New eye in space is orbit of a marvel

By ANDY ROBINSON

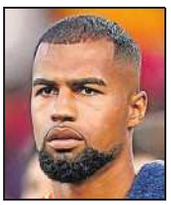
NASA sent its new telescope into orbit yesterday – to capture unrivalled views of the galaxy.

The Nancy Grace Roman space telescope, a spy satellite repurposed in a roughly £2.9billion project, has a field of vision 100 times greater than predecessors Hubble and James Webb.

Donald Trump said the launch via a rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida, "looked beautiful on television" and told the team: "You are doing a fantastic job, and I'm supplying you all that money."

Roman will park itself beyond the moon about a million miles from Earth and beam back its first images "before the winter holidays", said Nasa.

It will look for planets beyond our solar system and be able to survey our entire Milky Way galaxy in a month – while Hubble would have needed a century.



Fined . . . Sánchez

Dropped Chelsea keeper's clocked

EXCLUSIVE
by BENEDICT ELLIOT

AXED Chelsea goalkeeper Robert Sánchez was caught speeding by a motorway camera, it has been revealed.

The £25million ace, 28, was doing 47mph in a 40mph zone on the M23 in Crawley, Surrey.

Spaniard Sánchez was convicted of speeding and slapped with three licence penalty points.

The player, said to earn £60,000 a week, was also fined £1,520 for the offence last October.

Crawley magistrates' court dealt with the case in April but it has only just been disclosed in public records, obtained by The Sun.

It came amid concerns over his position as the Blues' No1 goalie.

He was dropped for yesterday's match against Brighton after Chelsea signed Emiliano Martinez from Aston Villa.

See Goals Pullout

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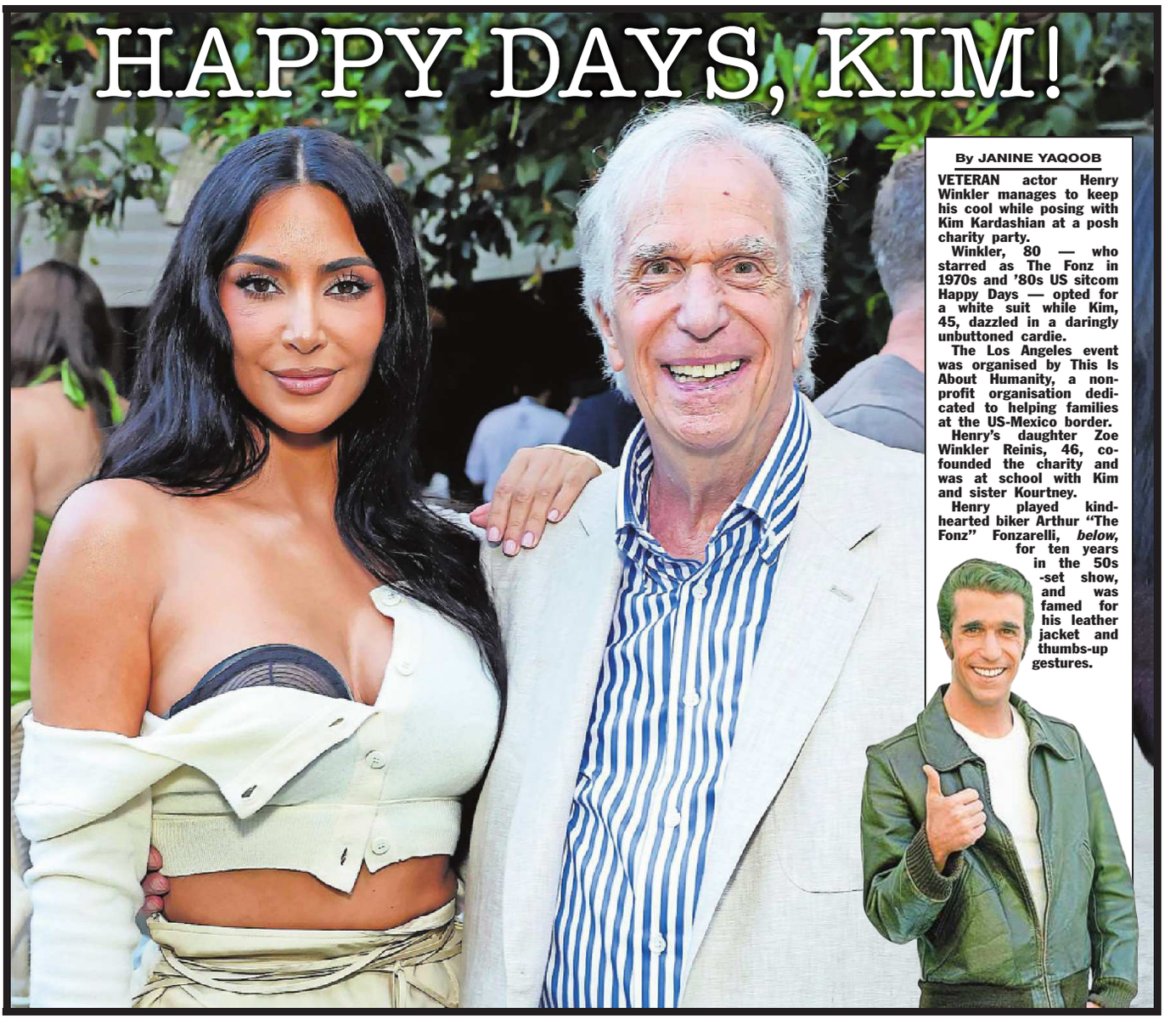

By JANINE YAQOOB

VETERAN actor Henry Winkler manages to keep his cool while posing with Kim Kardashian at a posh charity party.

Winkler, 80 — who starred as The Fonz in 1970s and '80s US sitcom Happy Days — opted for a white suit while Kim, 45, dazzled in a daringly unbuttoned cardie.

The Los Angeles event was organised by This Is About Humanity, a non-profit organisation dedicated to helping families at the US-Mexico border.

Henry's daughter Zoe Winkler Reinis, 46, co-founded the charity and was at school with Kim and sister Kourtney.

Henry played kind-hearted biker Arthur "The Fonz" Fonzarelli, *below*, for ten years in the 50s-set show, and was famed for his leather jacket and thumbs-up gestures.

ACTOR DROPS RAP ALBUM

HARDY STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTOM

Up for Pulitzer . . Tom uses alter ego

ACTOR Tom Hardy has released a rap album — under the name Frankie Pulitzer.

The MobLand star belts out 15 tracks, with fans likening him to Eminem.

Czarface Meets Frankie Pulitzer is made with hip-hop collective Czarface and features stars such as Busta Rhymes and Method Man.

Tom, 48, raps about everything from Shakespeare to Marvel films and horror icon Stephen King.

He even uses the voice of his Batman villain Bane on the track Grim-Visaged War – reciting the "Winter of our discontent" monologue from Richard III.

In the video Mad Technology, Tom performs in a mask while rapping risque lyrics about Misery actress Kathy Bates. He also says: "You s***-for-brain no-name lame, that bites like Cujo. And you know that Misery, it loves company."

Tom has never spoken publicly about his Frankie Pulitzer persona.

But he has featured on other Czarface albums.

In 1999 he rapped under the pseudonym Tommy No1, putting out an album entitled Falling on Your A**e.

Tom – who has also starred in Peaky Blinders – played a rapper in the 1999 short film Get A Grip.

His voice could also be heard on the credits for his 2024 Marvel film Venom: The Last Dance – in the song Knull & Void.

Insiders say dad-of-three Tom, wed to actress Charlotte Riley, 44, wants to be taken seriously as a rapper and his album is a sign of intent.

The second series of MobLand returns to Paramount+ on September 18.

Tom, who has a brown belt in Jiu-Jitsu, plays loyal fixer Harry Da Souza alongside Pierce Brosnan and Dame Helen Mirren.

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Victim . . . Valentina

Man held over killer inferno is released

By RYAN MERRIFIELD

A MAN arrested on suspicion of murder after a girl of seven and her aunt died in a house fire has been released.

The 31-year-old was detained with another man, aged 23, who is still being questioned after a crime wave rocked Middlesbrough.

Little Valentina Foster and Natalie McDonald, 34, died last Wednesday – four days after the gang turf war broke out.

Natalie's 15-year-old daughter and a pal escaped the blaze by kicking out an upstairs window – but a woman, 48, was fighting for life after being pulled clear.

Twenty-four arrests were made over five days as 200 cops were drafted in after a car rammed a house and a wrong-way smash killed five youths and two police officers.

Cleveland Police said: "A 31-year-old man has now been released with no further charge."

Joyce . . . and Justine

My mum fed dog food by her carer

By ALEX WEST

THE daughter of an elderly woman fed dog food by carers has told of her "absolute hell".

The 96-year-old, named only as Joyce, was getting care at home after a fall.

On one occasion, she was mistakenly fed three mouthfuls of microwaved dog food.

A second care worker realised the error but took a week to report it.

Daughter Justine Morrison said: "I dread to think of my mum's face, it must have looked and smelled disgusting."

Joyce, from Portsmouth, Hants, died in July 2024 but it took a probe from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman to uncover how badly she was treated.

Justine said: "There were endless failings. I witnessed Mum being left hanging from her bed like a sack of potatoes."

Care firm Radis has now been dropped by Portsmouth City Council.

CYPRUS CATAMARAN SINKS

Sea terror . . . survivors in life jackets clamber on to capsizing catamaran, above and below. Left, the vessel

8 DEAD IN HOLS FERRY HORROR

22 missing as captain & seven crew arrested

EIGHT people were killed and hundreds forced to scramble for their lives when a packed tourist ferry capsized yesterday.

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

Trapped passengers including children were left crushed under their seats when the high-speed catamaran sunk off the coast of Cyprus.

Terrifying footage showed others in life jackets scrambling on to the top of the 40metre ferry, named Filo Jet, as it rolled over just after noon.

Some 258 passengers and 12 crew members had been on the service from Kyrenia, northern Cyprus, to the Turkish port of Tasucu.

At least 22 people are still unaccounted for. The captain and seven crew members were arrested, with prosecutors pledging they would uncover "even the slightest negligence".

It is not known if any Brits were on board but last night the Foreign Office was liaising with authorities.

The cause of the tragedy – Cyprus's worst maritime disaster in modern times – has not been established. One survivor described hearing a blast before the side windows "blew out".

The vessel is understood to have started taking on water about 15 minutes into the 68-mile journey before sinking.

Another passenger said he heard the ship "popping and banging" before it "started taking on water even faster".

He told local media: "When the windows burst, that's when it all happened – kids, elderly women were crushed under the seats."

Ferry firm Filo Denizcilik runs a high-speed service between the two countries. The crossing takes about two and a half hours each way.

The company said it had set up a crisis management team to deal with the tragedy.

Unal Ustel, the prime minister of Northern Cyprus, said: "We are now focused with all our strength on reaching our missing loved ones, healing our wounds, and uncovering the full truth of this great tragedy.

"We will not leave a single resource unused. Our search and rescue operations will continue uninterrupted until we find our missing persons."

Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan said his rescue forces would provide "unlimited support".

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Rescue . . . survivors are taken back to the shore

Operation . . . rescue craft off coast of Kyrenia

Axed . . . Bychkova

Strictly's Nadiya: I told BBC of abuse

By JANINE YAQOOB

STRICTLY dancer Nadiya Bychkova complained about an abusive colleague to the BBC – but was still made to work with them, it is claimed.

The Ukrainian professional – axed from the show this year – reported her concerns to three senior executives in 2024.

But a source close to the 37-year-old claims no action was taken and she still encountered the person during filming.

She declined a formal investigation but was "devastated" she still had to face the colleague who made her feel uncomfortable, it was reported.

Nadiya joined Strictly in 2017 and her celebrity partners included former England rugby captain Chris Robshaw, 40, and Blue's Lee Ryan, 43.

A BBC spokesman said: "We're not going to comment on HR processes.

"When issues are raised they're handled seriously and action is taken."

Aftermath . . . of blitz

38 die in Russian attack on Ukraine

By ED SOUTHGATE

THE death toll after a Russian strike on a warehouse west of Kyiv has risen to 38 – and four people are still missing.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said a probe will be carried out following Moscow's deadliest attack of the year so far to find out why ammunition was stockpiled near homes.

The blast at a warehouse storing ammo sparked massive explosions and fires that swept through dozens of nearby inhabited buildings in the village of Myla last Friday.

Zelensky posted on social media: "Emergency workers continue to extinguish fires and identify and neutralise explosives at the site."

He said 20 people were also injured including two children.

Russia has intensified its air campaign on the capital in recent days.

AS TWO BILLION GET READY TO

By GRANT ROLLINGS

IT has been branded "offensive" and its host was once pelted with rotten fruit, but the Miss World contest will be watched by two billion when the 75th anniversary final takes place this week.

And representing England at the 2026 showpiece in Vietnam will be Grace Richardson, who has already won the contest's talent round and has sailed through to the final event.

One woman who knows what it takes to triumph at the Miss World is former title holder Ann Sidney, who won the 1964 contest representing the United Kingdom.

Now 82, and one of only five Brits to have held the title, she defends the contest against the usual criticisms that it is sexist and out of date.

Ann, who was a 20-year-old hairdresser from Poole in Dorset before entering the competition, tells The Sun: "Miss World was a soft target for protesters. I think people working in TV are more anti-Miss World than the general public.

"When I won, I was in the swimsuit. Now there is an evening gown.

"I didn't think twice about wearing a swimsuit. I never felt embarrassed by being in a swimsuit."

When Ann was named Miss World in 1964, the show's British TV audience was an extraordinary 27million, which was around half the population at the time.

It catapulted Ann on to the international stage, and she starred in a movie with Mick Jagger, appeared in TV secret agent series The Avengers, entertained US troops in Vietnam with Bob Hope, auditioned for a James Bond film, had a lead role in The Sound Of Music stage show in the West End and met Elvis Presley in Las Vegas.

Morality clause

Miss World, which began as a bikini contest at the Festival of Britain in 1951, provided a jet-set life of five-star hotels, limousines and having the likes of Frank Sinatra fix Ann a drink.

But holding on to that crown required sacrifices and hard work.

The Miss World organisation signed a lucrative deal with a trade body for the wool industry, which meant Ann would be the Ambassadress for Wool for a year.

Her contract had a "morality clause", which meant she could not have boyfriends and had to be Miss Perfect in terms of her behaviour.

And that was a strain for Ann, as she was in an on-off relationship with a married Bruce Forsyth.

The presenter, who died in 2017 aged 89, was a household name, compering the Sunday Night At The London Palladium variety show, decades before he became known for hosting Strictly Come Dancing.

Ann says: "The situation with Bruce kind of broke my heart. I couldn't get any bad publicity, I would lose the contract basically and certainly lose any money. They paid me very well.

"It was a very difficult thing for me because I had this man in the background that was wanting to go out with me and to see me, and I knew I had to focus on what I was doing.

"You have to be that perfect woman. I had to be completely single and above and beyond suspicion. No dating whatsoever."

And that is tricky when lots of men want to boast they have slept with Miss World. Once a footballer even pretended to be from room service just so he could tell his teammates he had been in Ann's bedroom. When other men were too persistent, Ann put them firmly in their place.

She says: "I'm not knocking men, but you're always going to be a trophy, something a man can boast about. You can't take it seriously. Back then, if somebody got naughty, you said, 'Stop it, you dirty old man', you know, 'Give me a break'. Usually men will go, 'I'm sorry'. You dealt with those things yourself. I think today we've become very offended."

There were other potential pitfalls. Playboy tycoon Hugh Hefner offered Ann $10,000 – around £140,000 in today's money – to pose naked in his magazine.

Even though he plied her with drink, she turned him down, knowing she would be stripped of her Miss World title if she accepted his offer.

Once her year was up, Ann pursued an acting career, going into repertory theatre to learn the trade in the traditional manner.

She recalls having to overcome the widespread idea that beauty contest winners were "bubble-headed", with people asking questions about her such as, "Can she learn lines?".

But she went on to secure a broad range of roles, from the cult 1970 crime film Performance, starring Mick Jagger, to the cosy Seventies sitcom Are You Being Served?.

Since the death in 2019 of her fifth husband, theatre producer Duncan Weldon, she has continued living and working in California.

For other queens over the years, the price of fame was too much.

Britain's first Miss World, Rosemarie Frankland, had a tragic end. An 18-year-old Marks & Spencer shop worker when she won in 1961, Rosemarie died aged just 57 from a drug overdose in 2000 in a shabby Los Angeles flat.

A 20-year affair with Bob Hope, two broken marriages and a short-lived acting career, which included appearing in The Beatles' 1964 movie A Hard Day's Night, is said to have left her depressed. Our third winner, Leslie Langley in 1965, appeared in

FLING . . . Tom Jones with Miss World Marjorie Wallace on a film set in 1974

HIT MISS . . . Ann after being crowned in 1964, and today, inset

WORLD CLASS . . . Ann in cozzie in 1964

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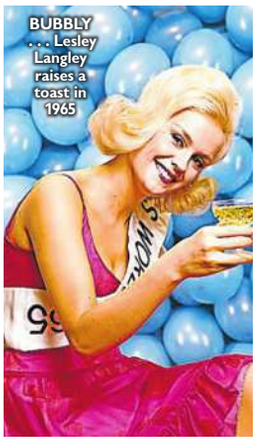


BUBBLY . . . Lesley Langley raises a toast in 1965

QUIT . . . Helen Morgan, who lasted four days in 1974

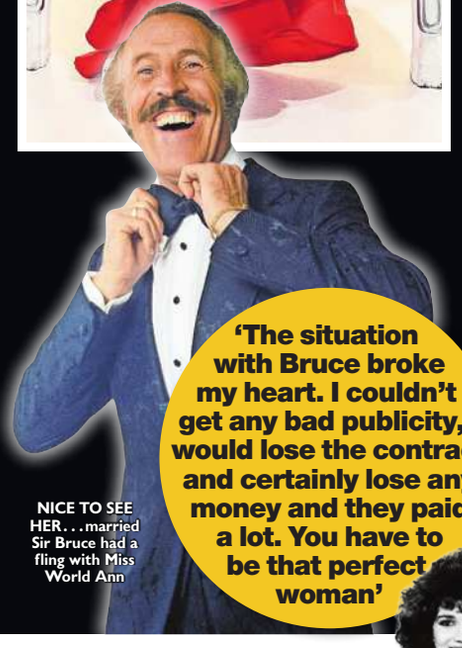
OFF . . . Milla quit as Miss England last year and, *inset*, Sun front page

HIGH HOPES . . . Grace, the current Miss England

TV snobs hate Miss World but the public LOVES it

Says ANN SIDNEY

Former Miss England who won contest in 1964



NICE TO SEE HER . . . married Sir Bruce had a fling with Miss World Ann

'The situation with Bruce broke my heart. I couldn't get any bad publicity, I would lose the contract and certainly lose any money and they paid a lot. You have to be that perfect woman'

Bond film Goldfinger and Doctor Who, then quit showbusiness to be a dental nurse.

Welsh beauty queen Helen Morgan held the title for just four days in 1974, stepping down when it was revealed she was an unmarried mother with an 18-month-old son – somewhat more scandalous in the 1970s – and that a woman intended to name her in a divorce case.

'Great stepping stone'

The previous year's winner, American Marjorie Wallace, was stripped of her title after a fling with singer Tom Jones.

In 1980, German Gabriella Brum quit after 18 hours when adult images emerged.

The last Brit to win was Sarah-Jane Hutt in 1983. Since then attitudes have softened over the years. Miss UK Nicola Willoughby was allowed to stay in the competition in 1999, even though topless photos were published.

Last year Miss England, Milla Magee, quit the show because she felt it treated her "like a prostitute".

Now this year's Miss England, 21-year-old Grace – a performing arts graduate from Leicestershire – is in a strong position to take the crown and sash in Vietnam.

The first openly gay Miss England, who has revealed that she was cruelly bullied over her appearance at school, was set to perform a ballet dance in the talent round, but broke her foot just a week after entering the event.

Luckily she had a back-up talent and secured her place among the Top 40 quarter-finalists by wowing judges with her rendition of the song Never Enough, from the 2017 film The Greatest Showman.

These days, it seems, talent and brains are as important as looks in the Miss World contest, and you will find biochemists and world-class dancers among the women strutting their stuff at the finals.

Since contest founder Eric Morley died in 2000 it has been run by his widow Julia, 86, who has introduced the concept of Beauty With A Purpose – an ideal which means the pageant has raised more than a billion pounds for charity.

It could be seen as a response to critics, who have blasted the pageant on feminist grounds.

One such protest against it came in 1970 when Women's Liberation activists threw flour bombs at host Bob Hope. BBC One controller Michael Grade removed Miss World from the channel in 1984, claiming it was "verging on the offensive". It is now available on YouTube.

But former winner Ann thinks it is time to bring back the show, which is still broadcast in more than 180 countries, to British terrestrial television.

Ann, who is still working in Hollywood, says: "Miss World has its critics, but I would do it again tomorrow.

"It was a great stepping stone for me. I travelled the world five times in a year. I met incredible people."

BOND GIRL . . . Halle Berry in 1986

PLAYER . . . Best and Mary Stavin in '83

WINNING WAS JUST THE BEST

By JAMIE PYATT
The Sun's former Miss World Correspondent

FROM judges storming out of press conferences to the countries who have won it back-to-back, here are ten facts about Miss World . . .

- **Soccer legend George Best was said to have bedded seven Miss World winners, including the US's Marjorie Wallace in 1973 and Swede Mary Stavin in 1977. But he said in his autobiography: "It was only four. I didn't turn up for the other three!"**
- **More than a million women apply every year to take part in the hope of becoming one of the 108 contestants and winning the $1million first prize.**
- **Miss World is the most watched annual TV event, with more than two billion viewers in 180 countries. In the UK it fell out of favour in the 1980s as feminists claimed it degraded women. Indeed, guests arriving for the 2002 event at London's Alexandra Palace, including this correspondent, were pelted with human poo.**
- **The 11 Miss World finalists who have appeared in James Bond movies include the US's Halle Berry (Die Another Day), Malaysia's Michelle Yeoh (Tomorrow Never Dies) and the UK's Carolyn Seaward (Octopussy).**
- **The UK is one of only three countries to have won Miss World back-to-back – with Sweden in 1951 and 1952, English roses Ann Sidney and Lesley Langley in 1964 and 1965 and India in 1999 and 2000. The last UK contestant to win was Sarah-Jane Hutt in 1983.**
- **Judges for Miss World have included Sir Bruce Forsyth, Sir Richard Branson, Shirley Bassey, Piers Morgan and Jerry Hall, who famously stormed out of a press conference at Sun City resort in South Africa in 1992. It happened when I asked if she had any comment on her then husband Mick Jagger allegedly being caught cheating on her, after she had warned such a question was "out of bounds". But it gave me a front-page story and Miss World a great publicity boost!**
- **The Miss World crown is the fourth since the contest began and is worth £100,000. It belongs to the Miss World Organisation but each winner gets a replica when she passes her crown to the following year's winner.**
- **In 2002 The Sun helped to evacuate more than 80 beauty queens from Nigeria to the UK as riots over the "offensive" contest led to more than 250 deaths. The contest was rescheduled for London.**
- **The current Miss World is Miss Thailand, Suchata Chuangsri, 22, who is the first Thai to win the contest.**
- **Final word to George Best, who famously said: "If you'd given me the choice of beating four men and smashing a goal in from 30 yards or going to bed with Miss World, it would have been a difficult choice. Luckily, I had both!"**

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800 DEAD AND 3,000 MISSING

Urmila . . . with Ayushman

‘I picked up my tot & ran for our lives’

From AMIR RAZAVI

A MUM has told how she plucked her tot to safety during the Nepal floods — with just moments to spare.

Urmila Tamang, 23, scooped up 18-month-old son Ayushman and ran frantically for cover on higher ground.

Her husband Aman, 25, then sped them to safety on his motorbike.

They made a desperate dash for safety with 13 other family members in the small market town of Betrawati, on the banks of the Trishuli river, but eight were swept away.

Urmila and Ayushman are now staying in a displacement camp for women and children, set up at a yoga centre.

Urmila told The Sun: “We were warned about the flood by my mum, who lives on the Gyirong border.

“We didn’t even have time to grab our clothes. We left everything at home.

“I picked up Ayushman and ran. My feet were hurting and I was so scared for him.”

Meanwhile, Brit food truck owner Pramod Poudel, 34, was still searching for newlywed wife Sumitra, 25.

He had made it to the village of Sole — where she and his mum, brother and uncle disappeared — but his relatives say Pramod, of East Sussex, has been unable to find them.

Pramod told The Sun on Sunday about his last phone call with her before the flood struck.

Terror . . . running from flood

Devastation . . entire villages have been almost washed away by the flash floods

WE WILL RISE AGAIN

Nepal’s defiance after flash floods carnage

By **AMIR RAZAVI** in Dhunge, Nepal

A COMMUNITY devastated by flash flooding in Nepal “will rise again”, a defiant villager has said.

Chandra Man Manandhar, 63, fled his home with wife Sita, 58, moments before it was pummelled by mud, water and ice hurtling through the Himalayas.

The settlement of Dhunge was one of many destroyed by the floods, which have so far claimed a total of 810 lives, with more than 3,000 people missing.

But retired development bank worker Chandra told The Sun: “We are just lucky that we got away. We will rise again.”

Before the disaster, triggered by a glacier collapse on the Nepal-Tibet border, Dhunge had around 1,000 residents.

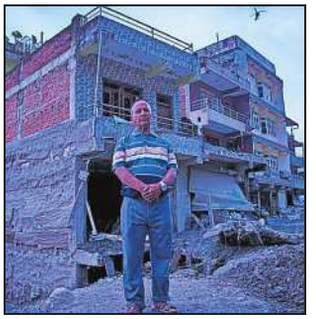
There was also a hotel, shops and government buildings.

But it was obliterated when the 100mph wave of destruction smashed down the adjacent Trishuli river, leaving a sea of sludge and at least 22 locals missing. Nepal’s finance minister has said the country will need £3.7billion to rebuild.

A clean-up operation was under way in Dhunge yesterday.

A nearby motorbike parts store owned by grandad Manoj Prasad Yadav, 48, was washed away by the flood.

He said: “I was working in the shop when it happened. We were warned 30 minutes before it happened, but I carried on working because I didn’t think it would be too big. Then I saw the water coming down – it was so high. So I ran away. I was watching it from behind as I ran.”



Destruction . . . Chandra in his village

Rescuers . . still search for the missing

Hero . . . head Mr Dawadi

Among the missing are 33 Brits. Most, including 13-year-old Syna Sahu and her family, from Cobham, Surrey, were on a pilgrimage to Mount Kailash.

The UK government has scrambled a rapid response team to Nepal to support Brits affected by the disaster. The death toll includes 794 in Nepal, where more than 2,500 people are missing, and 16 in China-controlled Tibet, where 546 are unaccounted for.

Yesterday, Chinese state media reported that 15 Brits were missing in Tibet. However, it is not clear how much the figures between Nepal and Tibet overlap.

Elsewhere, headteacher Rajendra Dawadi, 47, told how he saved more than 1,600 children from the floods.

He got the classrooms of Tribhuvan Trishuli secondary school in Nuwakot evacuated, then contacted bus drivers carrying hundreds more to turn back. He said: “The children were terrified, but their fear gave them the energy to run up the hill.”

Meanwhile, hundreds of workers who are feared to be trapped in a tunnel at Nepal’s Trishuli-3A hydropower site.

A team of 90 specialists from the armed forces, police and search and rescue organisations have been deployed with trained dogs.

They descended on ropes after creating a small entry hole yesterday but “received no response from inside” when they called out.

And a mass burial site for hundreds of unidentified victims has been created in the Chitwan district of Nepal, around 125 miles from where the flash floods struck.

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SUPS COST PUTS HALF OFF PUBS

OVER 50 per cent of Brits say high booze prices deter them from going to the pub, a poll shows.

EXCLUSIVE by JACK ELSOM

Hospitality bosses are saddened so many punters are thinking twice about a trip to the boozer this bank holiday.

The poll was commissioned by the UK Spirits Alliance as pubs are hammered by rising taxes.

Chancellor John Healey is under pressure to cut booze duty. Labour MP Carolyn Harris said: "A trip to the pub has become too expensive.

"We need a reduction in excise duty for the good of pubs, consumers and the Treasury. People often prefer a cocktail or a G&T to a pint, and these are seen as prohibitively costly."

Duty on spirits in Britain is among the highest in Europe. Braden Saunders, owner of the Doghouse Distillery and Bar in south London, said: "We've seen tax rise after tax rise. We have to absorb the cost or pass it on to the customers.

"Bank holiday should be a chance for people to get out for a drink.

"It's a tragedy people are reluctant to go to the pub because they fear the cost." Critics say the excise duty rises have meant the Treasury losing money due to lower sales.

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TOM THUNDERS BACK

By LAUREN UTTLEY

TOM Cruise is back for a Days of Thunder sequel 36 years after the original.

Cruise, 64, will reprise his role as NASCAR driver Cole Trickle alongside Anne Hathaway, *right*, as a team owner and engineer. Pregnant Anne, 43, confirmed they will "make the movie" after she has her third child, adding: "We're coming out summer of 2028. Don't be late."

Nicole Kidman, *inset*, was Cruise's love interest in the 1990 film, and later married him.

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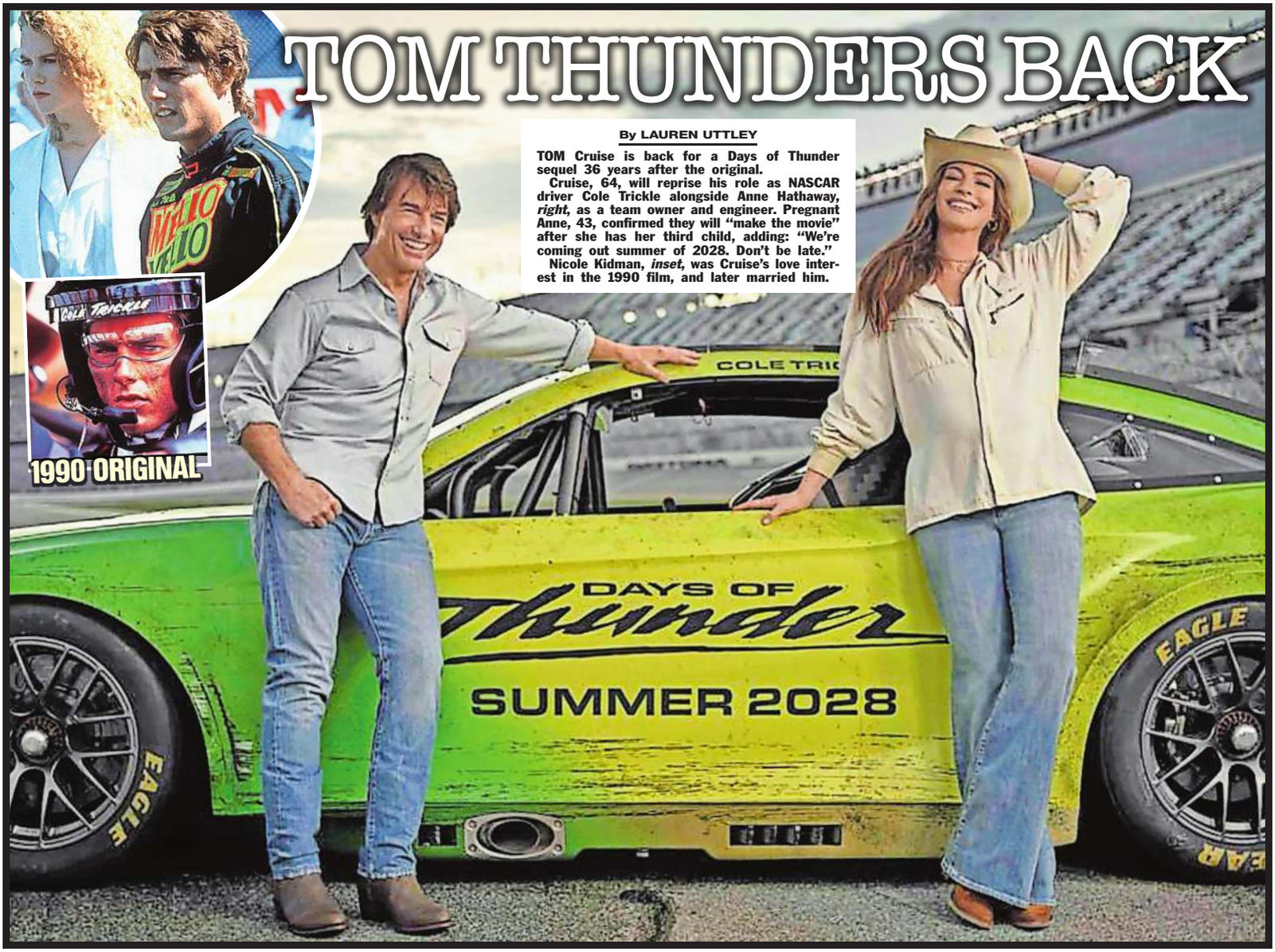

'Murder' probe at farm site

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A MAN has been held on suspicion of murder after another was found dead at a mobile home site used by farm workers.

Police were yesterday quizzing the 31-year-old – who was said to have known the victim, in his 30s.

The victim was found in the early hours of Saturday at Bromeswell near Woodbridge, Suffolk.

The site next to a farmyard is used by seasonal workers hired to harvest vegetables including organic crops.

Detectives were waiting for the results of a post-mortem to establish the cause of death.

Suffolk Police said: "This is being treated as an isolated incident.

"The two men are understood to have been known to each other. Enquiries are at an early stage and officers are appealing for witnesses."

GO NUTS FOR GREEN

Pistachio's soft green hue has been named the trendiest colour of 2026, a Samsung poll found.

£148M WINNER'S WINE LUCK

BAYFORD'S GOT A LOTTO BOTTLE

Win . . Ade, and his vineyard

EUROMILLIONS winner Adrian Bayford is raising a glass to Britain's sunny summer after the heat helped his vineyard thrive.

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN LUCAS

Bayford, 54, is now preparing to turn his first grape harvest into sparkling wine.

The former postman, who scooped £148million with his now ex-wife Gillian in 2012, planted thousands of vines across his sprawling Cambridgeshire vineyard in 2023.

The site, the size of six football pitches, could eventually produce 25,000 bottles a year.

And the Mediterranean-style conditions this summer appear to have given his fledgling wine business a major boost.

The prolonged heat left most fields scorched but deep roots of established vines can still reach moisture underground.

Wine experts say high temperatures have also accelerated ripening at vineyards across the nation, putting crops weeks ahead of their normal schedule.

Adrian's meunier grapes, one of the varieties traditionally used to make Champagne, could be used to create his own sparkling wine.

A pal has previously said: "It's fantastic to see Adrian using his fortune to explore new ventures.

"Hopefully we'll all be able to buy Chateau Bayford soon."

His fiancée Tracey Biles, 46, is believed to have inspired the venture at his 189-acre country estate. The couple have also embraced the Good Life culture, growing their own fruit and veg.

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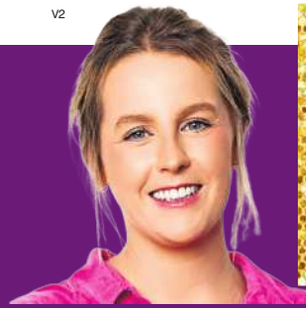
OLIVIA RODRIGO raised $20million for women's charities with her Daisy Chain Fields festival in California .

Acts including **CHAPPELL ROAN**, **DOECHII** and **GARBAGE** waived their performance fees for the inaugural fundraiser, which supports ten not-for-profit organisations.

Olivia, *inset*, announced they had raised $10million on Saturday, before **MELINDA FRENCH GATES**, the ex-wife of Microsoft founder **BILL**, matched the donation. Melinda said: "I was so inspired by Olivia's vision, which is why I couldn't be prouder to contribute."

Olivia added: "Daisy Chain Fields was created to celebrate the power of what can happen when we come together to support one another.

"The organisations we've partnered with are doing incredibly important work every single day."



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MIXING IT UP, JADE

JADE THIRLWALL proved you can take the girl out of **LITTLE MIX** – but you can't take Little Mix out of the girl at Reading.

The singer brought a huge dose of nostalgia to her set as she paid tribute to her former bandmates during her first ever appearance at the festival

She told the rain-soaked crowd: "I used to be in a girl band and I am really very proud to come from Little Mix.

"We never got to do Reading or Leeds. We didn't get to do many festivals.

"This feels like a very special moment for me, to be out here on my own, doing my own music and doing these shows."

She honoured the group with a medley of their hits, including Touch, Salute, Power, Woman Like Me and Shout Out To My Ex, before adding: "This has been on my bucket list for a very long time, so I am really honoured to be on stage today."

She then joked about the atrocious weather, saying: "I know it is p**sing down so thanks very much for showing up and being here today.

"I'm glad the hat stayed on and I might not even bother putting it back on.

"I am going to have hat hair for my first ever Reading."

Jade also used her set as an opportunity to clap back at revellers who had moaned about her slot.

Before performing a rendition of The Way You Talk About Me, Jade said: "Shout out to any haters in the audience today.

"I hope you feel seen. This is for you."

Nicely done, Jade.

LOLA YOUNG returned to the Reading stage for a surprise special guest performance yesterday afternoon, after the Messy singer was forced to pull out last year.

That's the Raye to do it

RAYE turned her headline shows into a family affair at Reading and Leeds, inviting her sisters ABSOLUTELY and AMMA to join her in singing their collaborative track Joy.

We later spotted the Escapism singer trying – and failing – to blend into the crowd when she was supporting Absolutely's set from the side of the stage at The Grid.

One onlooker said: "Raye was grinning from ear to ear as she watched Absolutely.

"You could see how proud she was and how much she was getting behind her performance."

BETH: I'VE FOUND MY VOICE

SHE was first seen on The Voice UK in 2014, but **BETH McCARTHY** has more than earned her stripes now after making her debut on Reading's main stage.

"It's one of those pinch-me moments," she said backstage. "I've done all the tiny venues and played to five people in pubs who don't care about me."

Beth, *right*, who was just 16 when she was coached by **RICKY WILSON** on the BBC show, said she has a lot to thank the **KAISER CHIEFS** frontman for.

"He was amazing and so supportive," she said.

"What inspires me is how he performs – and he is the king of being a frontman."

Beth, who will release her new single Petty Villain this Friday, teased her new era and said the song would be "very different", adding: "It's a lot darker."

SOMBR is lining up another huge UK gig after playing The Grid at Leeds Festival yesterday.

The Back To Friends star will make his debut at London's O2 next summer as part of the venue's 20th anniversary celebrations.

Other artists due to perform include JORJA SMITH and MAISIE PETERS.

DJ UNITES RAVERS & ROCKERS

FRESH from two back-to-back shows at Reading and Creamfields, DJ **JOSH BAKER** didn't show any signs of fatigue as he played a killer set at Leeds last night.

Josh, *below*, who has new EP Breaking Point, told me: "I never really thought I'd play Reading and Leeds.

"It just shows you the growth of whatever genre I play of house music."

The Mancunian added: "There's still very much an ongoing kind of topic of discussion around Reading, which is about getting away from being a rock festival and, controversially, I hear that.

"But the bookings are insane for both genres.

"I think there's a world in which it can all live."

DAVE had the best surprise guests during his headline set at Reading, bringing out CENTRAL CEE and KANO to join him.

JAMES BLAKE was also on hand to sing Both Sides Of A Smile, from Dave's brilliant 2021 album, We're All Alone In This Together.

CAUGHT LIVE

HARRY STYLES Madison Square Garden ★★★★

SMACKING his face on his microphone at New York's Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, **HARRY STYLES**' record-breaking 30-night residency was almost over before it began.

But despite being heard muttering "I almost knocked my teeth out" under his breath, it didn't stop him tearing the roof off the arena in front of the 18,000-strong crowd.

Looking every inch the new **JOHN TRAVOLTA**, Harry harnessed all the energy of Manhattan to give a performance of legendary status, dishing out a re-ordered, amped-up setlist from previous dates on his Together, Together tour.

Whether youngsters in the sold-out audience in what must be one of the world's greatest venues got the nods to indie-dance anthems such as Born Slippy or Daft Punk Is Playing At My House is another thing.

But it didn't matter as Harry tore through high-energy opener Dance No More before launching into Music For a Sushi Restaurant, Adore You and, of course, Watermelon Sugar.

In a touching moment, Harry also seemed to reflect on the death of **LIAM PAYNE**, telling fans: "The last few years have been a reminder of how beautiful and difficult, at times, and inspiring and how fragile life can be."

Harry is a must-watch.

MARC BAKER

ELLIE HENMAN'S

dirge

TOMORROW: ARIANA GRANDE performs the final night of her Eternal Sunshine Tour, ending her ten-date residency at London's O2 and beginning her break from the public eye.
WEDNESDAY: GUY RITCHIE, THEO JAMES, KAYA SCODELARIO and **MAYA JAMA** will be at the world premiere of The Gentlemen series two in London, ahead of the show's launch on Netflix on Thursday.
THURSDAY: New thriller The Death Of Robin Hood, starring **HUGH JACKMAN** as the ageing outlaw alongside **JODIE COMER**, hits cinemas.
FRIDAY: JAY-Z returns to the UK for his first solo shows in 13 years and **KASABIAN** drop their new album, Act III.

THE WEEK IN **bizness**

SEE THE BEETLES LIVE AT READING

'Earwig infestation' hits festival

FAMOUS faces from POSH and BECKS to LOUIS TOMLINSON and CHARLI XCX were out and about at Reading & Leeds Festival over the weekend.

But it wasn't just celebrities swarming the fields — as a suspected invasion of beetle-like earwigs at the Reading site had worried parents up in arms.

One mum who'd packed her kid off there wrote on the festival's community Facebook page: "Daughter had earwig infestation in her tent last night, had to empty the tent early hours. Anywhere onsite sell bug killer they can get?"

Another added: "My son has messaged to say his tent is infested with woodlice and earwigs everywhere . . . any ideas what he can do?" I'd suggest cracking open another tinny and getting on with it, for starters.

PROUD . . . David and Victoria watch Cruz play at festival. *Inset*, earwig

This weekend's line-up — which saw **DAVE**, **RAYE** and **SOMBR** playing The Grid main stage at Leeds last night and **CHASE & STATUS**, **LOYLE CARNER** and **FLORENCE AND THE MACHINE** lead the way in Reading — was one of the best we've seen in years.

I spotted former **ONE DIRECTION** star Louis hanging out with his mates in the VIP area backstage in Reading. "It's great to be here", he told me as he downed a relatively cool pint.

"I'm not doing any work, I'm just here to enjoy the vibe."

David and Victoria Beckham, alongside their kids **ROMEO** and **HARPER**, were also spotted hanging out backstage after their son **CRUZ** played The Canopy stage with his band **THE BREAKERS**.

Cruz also played Leeds yesterday, where he mocked grumbles over gig slots for so-called nepo babies, joking: "Welcome to the nepo stage! Let's have a good time."

After his Reading performance, one of my insiders told me: "David and Victoria were so proud of Cruz.

"After his gig, they all went back to see him and they were all celebrating together.

"Cruz didn't hang about for long as he had to head to Leeds last night to play there.

"David and Victoria headed off soon after."

Maybe they heard about the earwigs, too.

GENE IS REAL DEAL

HE might get dismissed as a nepo baby, but **GENE GALLAGHER** is a rock star in the making.

The youngest son of **OASIS** rocker **LIAM** played the Canopy stage at Reading with all guns blazing.

His three-piece band **VILLANELLE**, with Gene, *right*, on vocals and rhythm guitar, **BEN TAYLOR** on lead guitar and **JACK SCHIAVO** on bass, have carved out their grunge-infused rock sound to impressive effect. Despite the pressure on their shoulders, the band didn't crack and smashed their way through tracks including Hinge, Opportunity Arising, Measly Means and Placebo.

Their debut set at Leeds also went down a storm with punters, who packed out the Canopy tent to watch them in action.

The band also gave fans a taste of what is to come by playing unreleased track Some Chew Lip, which is due out next month.

As a frontman, Gene is unfailingly likeable and thanked the crowd after every single song.

Before playing their final track, Gene told fans: "Thank you all for coming. We thought it would be empty."

With their talent, I don't think that's ever going to be the case.

More reasons to shop at Morrisons

Toyboy husband has run off . . . I fear he'll get kids' cash in will

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LIE-INS A BOOSTER TO HEART

LIE-INS are good for the heart because they help to lower blood pressure, a study suggests.

By SAM BLANCHARD

It means catching up on kip at the weekend could reduce the health damage caused by a tiring week.

Blood pressure falls significantly during sleep so the body can reset after the stresses of the day.

But a lack of sleep means this process is shortened or missed which can damage the heart, veins and arteries over time.

About a third of adults in the UK have high blood pressure, which can lead to heart attacks, strokes and dementia. The study found sleeping longer at the weekend made high blood pressure six per cent less likely – rising to nine per cent if lie-ins last for 87 minutes.

The health records from 41,000 people over seven years were studied by Dr Nawon Lee, of Korea University in Seoul.

Experts say going to bed and waking at the same time every day is best for health.

But Dr Lee told the European Society of Cardiology in Munich: "Keeping a regular sleep schedule is still important, but a moderate amount of catch-up sleep may be beneficial."

Health bonus . . . extra kip

Helpline cad fired

A BRITISH Gas call handler claimed he was unfairly sacked after he was caught deliberately transferring customers to the wrong helpline.

Ryan Logan would get fed up and divert vulnerable customers to automated call lines he knew would not help them.

An investigation found he did it 17 times.

He tried to claim it was due to his mental health but an Edinburgh employment tribunal dismissed his excuses.

Strolling scroll toll

MORE than half of Brits are risking injury by staring at their phones while walking by busy roads, a survey found.

Fifteen per cent admitted colliding with a car or bike while distracted".

And 54 per cent of "scroll and strollers" had tripped off a kerb.

Breakdown firm Green Flag questioned 2,000 people. Spokesman Damon Jowett said: "It could lead to serious consequences for both pedestrians and drivers."

AIRS & ACES

PLUCKY mock rock stars from 13 countries took part in the Air Guitar World Championships in Finland. Local Aapo "The Angus" Rautio, *left*, won, but Nanami Nagura of Japan, *right*, was strum-thing special.

Brekkie's a kid war

THREE out of four parents struggle to get their children to eat a healthy breakfast before school, research has found.

Challenges included a lack of time, fussy eaters and morning moods.

Around one in five parents said their child's brekkie rarely included key nutritional elements such as protein and fibre.

And only one in three said it was usually low in added sugar, according to the health survey of 1,037 US parents with at least one child aged six to 12.

WHITE FEVER

John Travolta's white suit from Saturday Night Fever sold for £204,000 at an LA auction.

CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL DEATH

PASTOR HAILED

Sign-fall victim's 'legacy of love'

By THOMAS GODFREY

A PASTOR killed by a falling sign at a Christian festival has been hailed as a "beloved son and great father".

Robert Guanco, 41, was crushed when a huge wooden archway gave way.

Six other people were injured. Originally from the Philippines, Robert was minister at Jesus the Living Water Church in Eastbourne, East Sussex.

It said: "Though Pastor Robert's earthly journey has come to an end, his legacy of faith, love, service, and the lives he touched will never be forgotten. Pastor Robert was more than a pastor. He was a beloved son, cherished brother, loving husband to Isaeli, a great father to Ellie, and faithful servant of God.

"He was also a good friend, mentor, and a blessing to so many people whose lives he touched."

Tragedy . . . Pastor Robert Guanco, and sign

Archbishop of Canterbury Dame Sarah Mullally said she was "sad and shocked".

Police are investigating whether the archway was properly secured at the UK's biggest Christian music festival, held at Wiston Park, West Sussex.

Witnesses say it was blown over by strong winds.

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FREE CHOL TESTS

By SAM BLANCHARD

FREE cholesterol checks are to be offered at high street pharmacies in an NHS drive to diagnose people earlier.

The pin-prick blood test will take seven minutes and could help to identify the estimated 50 per cent of Brits at risk of elevated levels – which can clog blood vessels.

Around 100 pharmacies across England will pilot the drop-in tests for people between 40 and 84, who currently have to go to a GP.

Health Minister Alison McGovern said: "This is exactly the type of innovation which we want to see across the NHS."

Sun SPOT

RARE recordings of a Beatles song partly inspired by John Lennon's childhood summer holidays in Durness, Scotland, are to be released. The five versions of In My Life will be on a re-release of Rubber Soul, on October 2.

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DEAL OF DAY

STEP into autumn with a pair of Fila Heroics II trainers. Previously £60, now £35 at JD Sports.

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CHEAP TREAT

SIP on a cold glass of La Vieille Ferme rosé wine, normally £8.98 a bottle, now £5 at Asda.

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Make it up as you go along

BEAUTY FREEBIES UP FOR GRABS

AS your summer tan starts to fade, you might fancy picking up some beauty essentials.

But don't splash out more than you need to.

Before hitting stores, check out these ways to fill your bathroom cabinet for free . . .

SAMPLING SITES: You can sign up for free beauty samples and try new products in exchange for reviews.

Try Cohorted *(beautylounge.cohorted.co.uk)*, where you can build a profile and get selected for samples based on your preferences.

Or head to magicfreebies uk.co.uk and, when you become part of the free community, you could be selected to try fragrances from the likes of Burberry and Gucci, or skincare from Dior.

BEAUTY PANELS: Many high street shops run testing panels, offering users a steady stream of free products. The Boots Volunteer panel *(bootsvolunteers.com)* offers around 30,000 free samples a year to members and you get to test skincare, cosmetics and even supplements before they hit the shelves. Registration opens periodically throughout the year, so bookmark the site and check it regularly.

SuperSavvyMe.co.uk lets you test everything from beauty to household products for Procter & Gamble, so sign up now to be the first in line.

POP-UP PERKS: September is packed with beauty pop-ups so you can pick up free samples in person. The best way to find these events is to follow your favourite brands on social media and look out for posts. You could also follow dedicated social channels such as @popupslondon or @freethepopup. Both accounts post almost daily about pop-ups with freebies and goodie bags.

COUNTER CHAT: Don't be shy at the beauty counter. Walk up and speak to the person on the till and ask for a sample. Boots has a free Lancome sample available while stocks last. Estee Lauder is offering a ten-day sample of its Double Wear foundation, with a voucher at esteelauder.co.uk.

GIMME MORE: SpaceNK.com and lookfantastic.com often let you add extra free samples to your order when spending a certain amount.

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Rescue boat . . Plymouth

Sunken boat pair search is halted

By NICK MIAO

A SEARCH for two crew members from a French fishing vessel that sank in the English Channel was last night suspended.

Three of their crewmates who were rescued and taken to hospital on Saturday were yesterday travelling back to France.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency said the search for two other "unaccounted for" crew – south-west of Eddystone Lighthouse, off Plymouth – was "suspended pending further information".

A distress call was made from the fishing vessel, the Maranello, to a nearby trawler just after 6pm on Saturday, alerting it to a problem with its fishing gear.

The trawler managed to recover three of the five crew members before the Maranello sank.

A coastguard rescue helicopter and RNLI lifeboats were scrambled to the scene.

DNA . . Conquest Man

Is this the face of a Norman invader?

By SAM CREED

SCIENTISTS have recreated the face of a man who lived through the Norman Conquest of Britain in 1066.

Known as Conquest Man, his remains were analysed by researchers who also used DNA to recreate how he looked.

Kevin Booth from English Heritage – which led the study – said: "I've been fascinated by this individual for 20 years.

"Who was he, what did he experience? Could he have been at the Battle of Hastings? To be able to now look at his face is to feel we can almost speak to him."

DNA shows he had European ancestors.

Research shows he was in his 50s, stocky, muscular and just over 5ft.

He had a privileged burial around 1079 in a Norman church in Barton-upon-Humber, Lincs.

The church is holding an exhibition about him on September 20.

NOTTING SPILL CARNIVAL

Picture: RAY TANG/LNP

EUROPE'S biggest street party gets off to a colourful start as revellers enjoy a traditional paint fight to kick off the 60th Notting Hill Carnival.

About 2.5million people from around the world are expected to visit the West London district for the event to celebrate Caribbean culture, which began yesterday and continues today.

Some wore black paint and horns to represent Jab Jab, a costume dating back to the 1838 abolition of slavery when Caribbeans were freed from "devilish" oppressors.

By LAUREN UTTLEY

The Met Police made 169 arrests yesterday, for offences including possession of drugs and weapons, assault and sexual offences.

But it said the mood had been mainly "positive and celebratory". Last year, the main two days saw 528 arrests.

Keeping order . . . cops and, left, man as Jab Jab

DAYS AFTER DEATH AGED 80..

DOLLY'S 9 TO 5 TO No1

Parton set to top charts

Hits revival . . . Dolly

By LAUREN UTTLEY

DOLLY Parton is set to bag her first UK No1 single with hit 9 to 5 — a week after her death aged 80.

The tune, from her 1980 comedy film of the same name, originally got to No47 in 1981.

Following her death last Tuesday after a brief cancer battle, it re-entered the chart at No12 with a 350 per cent week-on-week increase. It should be confirmed No1 on Friday.

Her anthem Jolene – recorded in 1973 – is heading for No2, and Islands In The Stream – Dolly's 1983 duet with Kenny Rogers – is set to be No6.

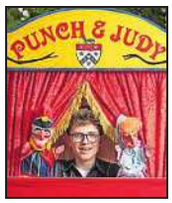
Tributes poured in for the country and western icon who was laid to rest in Nashville on Friday next to husband, Carl Dean.

Her god-daughter Miley Cyrus called the singer an "angel by my side".

President Donald Trump ordered US flags to be lowered in Dolly's memory. And Buckingham Palace guards played 9 to 5.

The Royal Family said: "The late, great Dolly brought joy, comfort and inspiration to so many – including millions of children given free books through her Imagination Library."

In a nod to her famous hit, they added: "We will always love you."



Hands on . . . William

Puppets lad of 16 pleased as Punch

By THOMAS GODFREY

A LAD of 16 has made it as a professional Punch and Judy performer.

William Vaughan has loved the traditional puppet show since seeing his first one aged two.

By seven, he was performing his own ones at local village fetes.

To qualify as a "professor", William had to perform at an event in London and be assessed by the Punch and Judy Fellowship,

He has now completed his first beach residency, in Sandbanks, Dorset – but one show saw him accidentally swallow the swazzle device used to make Mr Punch's voice.

William, of Shaftesbury, said: "I just taught myself. I've seen so many shows and I've watched loads on YouTube.

"I've had lots of kids come up to me saying they want to do shows, so that was really lovely to know I've inspired people for the future."

Child star . . . in 7 Up

Woke TV alert on 1964 film attitudes

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY

WOKE ITV bosses have slapped a trigger-warning on the most celebrated documentary series in British television history.

Viewers are warned the original 7 Up episode from 1964 "contains outdated attitudes".

The film followed 14 seven-year-olds discussing class, money, schools and their futures. It returned to them every seven years, and ends this year with 70 Up.

The ITVX platform files it under Documentaries & Lifestyle with a parental controls link to block child viewers.

Director Michael Apted, who died in 2021, insisted the project was a mirror held up to the nation and should not be filtered.

The Free Speech Union's Lord Toby Young said: "It can't be a surprise to anyone that a 1964 documentary contains outdated attitudes."

SUN WRITER ON TROUBLED ESTAT

By GRACE MACASKILL
Investigations Editor, Features

DUSK falls on the Grangetown estate near Middlesbrough, and a boy aged around eight whizzes past on a push bike, flicking the middle finger at anyone he does not like the look of.

He has already learned to act tough in a town where the brutality of gang warfare last week burst out into the open like a festering wound.

It began with tit-for-tat house rammings and ended in the tragic deaths of two Cleveland Police officers and five young men, whose car was speeding the wrong way down a dual carriageway. In an unrelated incident, a woman and seven-year-old girl were killed in a house fire.

At the putrid heart of it all lies a drugs war in an area where jobs are scarce and all hope is lost – with locals now looking to Prime Minister Andy Burnham, the so-called "King of the North", for a lifeline.

For many in the affected areas, community is all that is left to cling to, so they have turned a blind eye to the tasteless vigils for the five men, which included setting vehicles alight and sparking fireworks and flares.

They were in stark contrast to the quiet church service for PC Matthew Blades, 37, a former teacher, and PC Tom Clough, 38, a former soldier who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The officers were killed when their armed response car was hit by the men's Volkswagen Passat as it fled a high-speed police chase on the A66 on August 22.

The five occupants were Michael Cahill, 23, Theo Rae, 17, Jakub Matusiak, 23, Makai Saddington, 18, and 17-year-old Cole Worthy.

The estates at the centre of the crisis – Grangetown, South Bank and Eston – serve as symbols of Broken Britain, and it is clear to see why.

'It feels alien'

There has been no proper investment in the Redcar and Cleveland communities for years.

Green spaces where kids should be able to play are scorched earth where arsonists have set fires, while old sofas, furniture and piles of clothes form rubbish heaps behind shops and along verges.

Bins are overflowing, graffiti is daubed across walls, and houses are boarded up with steel plates.

Hooded teenagers ride around on e-scooters and residents are acutely aware, and suspicious, of strangers who set foot in their neighbourhood.

Those who spoke to me begged not to be named for fear of reprisals.

Within hours of our arrival, cops were scrambled to a house amid reports of a man's fingers having been chopped off in a savage attack.

When we asked one local if he thought it was related to the crash, he laughed and told us: "That happens just about every day here.

"There are loads of people walking about without fingers, or fingers with nerve damage, 'cos they've been smashed in. It's just a form of punishment for something or other."

There is a shocking level of deprivation, but there are decent people here too – families who make ends meet without turning to crime.

The area's increased notoriety sits uncomfortably with them.

As one woman pointed out: "Being poor doesn't mean you have to be a scrote. There are plenty struggling who don't rob or deal drugs to put food on the table."

You cannot help but admire her sense of pride in an area that has seen better days.

Having grown up on a council estate, it is a notion I understand.

I wear my estate "badge" with honour, proud of the fact it taught me the values of looking out for others in need, never looking down on anyone and knowing that not everyone is as tough as they look.

But something has gone terribly wrong in Grangetown and its surrounding estates beyond the lack of work prospects and money. The small minority who have been making life a misery for everyone else have taken control of the streets.

One woman told me: "I've lived here for 32 years and it's been getting worse and worse.

"It was once a nice place, where people kept their gardens nice, their houses tidy and their kids in school.

"Now it feels alien with rubbish dumped everywhere, people wandering about in dressing gowns in the middle of the day and loads of kids who stopped going to school through Covid and never managed to return full-time.

"There's addicts everywhere and, if it's not drugs, it's drink. It's an embarrassment." Drugs are the main issue, with turf wars raging. There is talk of postcode gang divisions, but it is not quite that clear cut.

In January, Cleveland Police officers found a "significant firearms haul" after an eight-day targeted search in Grangetown.

The guns and ammunition were seized as part of Operation Galvanise, a multi-agency initiative tackling organised crime.

A source told us that what followed were months of cars ramming into various homes.

Four of the five dead men in the Passat had criminal records, and it is alleged they were being "groomed" by criminals with links to the travelling community. Our source said: "This is about drugs, family warfare and long-time grudges, not stolen cars and joyriding.

"The lads who were killed were being influenced by people who are known to them, older and more experienced in crime.

"They didn't go off on some solo venture to get cops to chase them. They were sharks for bigger players."

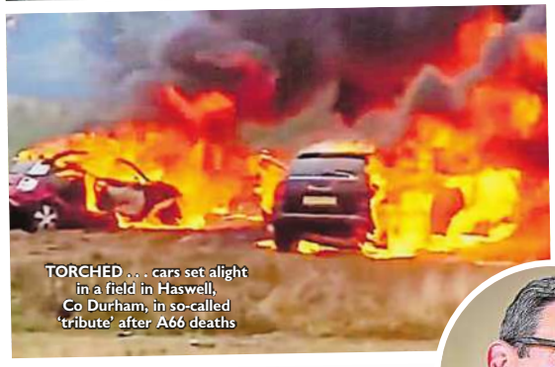
Police have encouraged people in the area to keep reporting crime, but there is a deep sense of mistrust – and the feeling that locals just are not listened to.

One man told us: "People just don't trust the police, and why would they?

'RIP THE BOYS' . . . graffiti on a fence in Brambles Farm glorifies the deaths of the five young men in the A66 crash

'Being poor doesn't mean you have to be a scrote. There are plenty of people round here struggling who don't rob or deal drugs to put food on the table'

VIGIL . . . balloon release near South Bank in memory of three of the men who died in the VW Passat



TORCHED . . . cars set alight in a field in Haswell, Co Durham, in so-called 'tribute' after A66 deaths

WAVE OF VIOLENCE . . . police at scene of house fire in Grangetown that killed a woman and girl, seven. *Inset*, Burnham

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TES 'KING OF NORTH' PM MUST TACKLE

SENSELESS TRAGEDY . . . Sun reporter Grace with the floral tributes to PC Tom Clough and PC Matthew Blades, laid near the scene of the crash on the A66

'There is no money, there is no work and there is no hope. The estates are full of kids having kids with no idea how to bring them up'

tiny minority who make misery for others have control in Grangetown

KILLED . . . PC Tom Clough and PC Matthew Blades

they got on top of the problems ne start we wouldn't be here. They t listen either. Everyone knows there's no point reporting the ll stuff because they just open an dent report, close it and you never from them. It's a waste of time."

'It's totally lawless'

undreds of extra police from hbouring regions have been sent Middlesbrough to deal with the warfare, but some residents fear ill make things worse.

ne said: "It's totally lawless. The ce have ignored the problems in area for years and now they want ome in heavy-handed. It won't go n well." Residents in Middlesbrough say it is more like Beirut than the 'Boro, the once-proud port town at the heart of industrialised Britain.

It has been ranked the most dangerous town in England and Wales, with 150 crimes per 1,000 residents, compared with the national average of 72.

People living in Teesside are more likely to be murdered than anywhere else, with a homicide rate of 21.7 per million people. The average is 8.1.

Stockton-on-Tees, ten miles from Grangetown, was the location for Channel 4's controversial documentary Benefits Street, which focused on economically deprived areas.

But Middlesbrough is just one of countless towns across the North that have been left behind. Grimsby, in Lincolnshire, was rated one of the worst for benefit scroungers, while Blackpool has been left scarred by the demise of seaside towns, and Oldham is now infamous for its grooming scandal. But they are just the tip of the iceberg.

People in Grangetown feel abandoned by successive governments, and one local businessman told me how most do not even bother voting.

"Westminster means nothing to people here. Most are just trying to get by, day-to-day. Covid made things much worse.

"Kids used to at least have school, but most don't bother going now. So they barely get a good education, never mind know about what's going on in politics."

It is a tragedy that Middlesbrough was once a booming town known as Ironopolis thanks to its iron and steel production.

The area suffered its last wave of devastating economic decline in the 1970s and 80s when automation and global competition led to mass closures in heavy manufacturing, shipbuilding and steel.

The final nail in the coffin came with the closure of the mighty Redcar steel works in October 2015, with the loss of around 2,200 jobs at the plant and nearly 1,000 additional jobs across the local supply chain.

Today, the main road to the docks is mostly used by kids to race cars and e-bikes.

One Grangetown takeaway worker summed it up when he said: "There's no money and there's no hope.

"The estates are full of kids having kids and they've no idea how to bring them up.

"There's no work to be had, no money and nothing to do but try and make it in other ways.

"There are decent people around and we've got used to the area's bad reputation, but it's not great, is it?

"Where's the so-called King of the North, Andy Burnham?

"The whole area has been failed and forgotten by politicians and it just feels like there's no going back."

Monday TV GUIDE

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION

BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Morning Live (S)
10.45 Rip Off Britain: Rogues (S)
11.30 Homes Under The Hammer Property auctions. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Jonathan Pratt and Kate Bliss assist the teams in Ardingly. (S)
1.00 BBC News (S)
1.30 Money For Nothing Sarah Moore attempts to breathe new life into a pair of loom chairs. (S)
2.15 The Travelling Auctioneers A retiring farmer sets out to empty a whole farm of heirlooms. (R,S)
2.45 Escape To The Country Jules Hudson helps a couple look for a home in County Down and County Antrim. (R,S)
3.45 Garden Rescue Chris Hull and Lee Burkhill travel to Coventry to help a family. (S)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz show hosted by Jason Manford. (R,S)
5.15 Pointless (S)
6.00 BBC News (S)
6.20 Regional News (S)
6.30 Celebrity Escape To The Country Strictly Come Dancing professional Neil Jones searches for a property. (R,S)

8pm Dancers perform at The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

7.30 EastEnders Nicola gets a shock when the Hawkins arrive in Walford, wedding fever sweeps Albert Square ahead of Cindy and Kim's big days, and Priya wrestles with her guilt. (S)
8.00 The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Jennifer Reoch and JJ Chalmers introduce the Massed Pipes and Drums, who are joined by the RAF's Massed Military Bands to perform the 2026 tattoo with narration by Richard Rankin. The international line-up includes the Qatar Police Academy Band and Drill Team, the German Army Band Koblenz, the New Zealand Army Band, and celebrating the USA's 250th anniversary, the United States Army Field Band. (S)
9.00 Vigil (2/6) After the kidnap of a government minister, Amy starts connecting the dots between his policy and his abduction as she zeroes in on the kidnapper. (S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 Regional News (S)
10.30 Have I Got News For You (8/10) Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the current affairs quiz with panellists Chris McCausland and Janet Street-Porter joining team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (R,S)
11.00 Four Weddings And A Funeral FILM Romantic comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell. (1994) ✪✪✪✪ (S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead**
1.00-6am BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.20 am Beechgrove Garden (R,S)
6.50 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef (R,S,SL)
7.50 Match Of The Day (R,S)
9.00 BBC News (S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Quiz show. (R,S)
1.30 The Edge Game show, hosted by Gabby Logan. (R,S)
2.15 Weatherman Walking (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti III Kali the lioness tries to dig the warthogs out of the den, and as the land dries, Nalla the elephant finds a smart solution to quench everyone's thirst. (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow From Dyrham Park, near Bath. First broadcast in 2003. (R,S)
5.15 Flog It! Catherine Southon and David Fletcher are in Ushaw in County Durham. (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games With Ken Bruce, Alice Roberts, Perri Shakes-Drayton and Kiell Smith-Bynoe. (R,S)
6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo explores the Weald in south-east England. (R,S)

8pm Victoria Coren hosts another first-round match in Only Connect

7.00 Today At The Test England v Pakistan. Action from the fifth and final day of the second Test in the three-match series, held at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. (S)
8.00 Only Connect (8/34) Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts another first-round match as the Creepy Crawleys take on the Risk Takers trying to find what connects four things that appear utterly random. (S)
8.30 University Challenge (8/37) Amol Rajan asks the questions in another of the academic quiz's first-round matches with the University of Birmingham taking on the University of Leicester. (S)
9.00 Surviving 9/11 The stories of 13 people caught up in the events of 11 September 2001, moving between accounts of the two-hour period when terrorists attacked the Twin Towers and the Pentagon and hijacked Flight 93 and what happened in the years after. (R,S)
10.30 The Godfather Part II FILM Michael Corleone's plans are threatened by a traitor within the family. Francis Ford Coppola's Oscar-winning crime drama sequel, with Al Pacino, Robert De Niro, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton, Talia Shire and John Cazale. (1974) ✪✪✪✪✪ (S)
1.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile Meeting a young farmer in the Yorkshire Dales. (R,S,SL) **2.35-3.35am** Emergency 24/7 (R,S,SL)

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6am Good Morning Britain Morning magazine featuring a lively mix of news and current affairs, plus health, entertainment and lifestyle features. (S)
10.00 This Morning A mix of celebrity interviews, entertainment news, current affairs discussions, a look at sports competitions, health columns, cooking tips and tricks, and more. (S)
1.45 ITV News (S)
1.50 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and the team head to Aerospace Bristol, where the dealers land amazing deals under the wings of Concorde as they hunt for items to put up for auction. (R,S)
3.00 Lingo Quiz show. (R,S)
4.00 Deal Or No Deal (R,S)
5.00 Tipping Point Quiz hosted by Ben Shephard. (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.10 ITV News (S)
6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special Jayde Adams, Tony Cottee, Naughty Boy and the Vivienne pit their wits against one of the ruthless Chasers. (R,S)

7.30pm Jeremy Clarkson hosts a new series of Millionaire Hot Seat

7.30 Millionaire Hot Seat NEW Jeremy Clarkson returns with the quiz as six more hopefuls compete for £1 million, with only one player at a time able to take a place in the Hot Seat and answer multiple-choice questions to work the way up the Money Ladder. Each question is against the clock and if a player gets one wrong they are eliminated, the top prize drops, and the next player takes their place. (S)
8.00 Emmerdale Serena is taken aback, while DS Ramsden announces her plan and Gabby is unable to cope. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Todd is rocked to learn of Celeste's death, Kit and Bernie wrestle with their discovery, and Debbie goes to work wearing her slippers. (S)
9.00 Trigger Point (2/6) Lana and her team spring into action after the previous attack with clues leading them to a boatyard, but the bombers stay one step ahead. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.20 Superman Returns FILM The Man of Steel returns to Earth to discover his arch-enemy Lex Luthor is wreaking havoc with stolen alien technology. Comic-book adventure with Brandon Routh. (2006) ✪✪✪ (S)
12.50 Shop On TV 3.00 The Staircase (R,S) **4.05** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.10** Dermot's Taste Of Ireland (R,S,SL) **5.35-6am** Gary Barlow's Food And Wine Tour: New Zealand (R,S,SL)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Three episodes. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back Gordon Ramsay tries to improve a Mexican restaurant in Los Angeles. (R,S)
12.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Simon O'Brien and Henry Cole head to Buckinghamshire to meet Hugh, who runs a repair and upcycling shop and is in need of a bit of help. (R,S)
1.05 The Great House Giveaway In Cramlington, Northumberland, sales teams leader Ashleigh and joiner Joe take on a run-down suburban semi in urgent need of some TLC. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge It's the last week of the competition. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY Trish makes a rotten discovery. (R,S)
6.00 A New Life In The Sun: Where Are They Now? NEW Debbie and Paul try to rebuild after a fire destroyed their B&B. (S)

8pm Fred Sirieix enjoys breakfast in a hot air balloon in Ultimate Hotels

7.00 C4 News (S)
7.30 Kirstie And Phil's Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds (3/5) Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer look back at homes in Stoke and Newcastle. (R,S)
8.00 Fred's Ultimate Hotels NEW Fred Sirieix meets the people behind the world's most spectacular hotels. In the first episode, he stays at a hotel in Marrakech commissioned by the King of Morocco. (S)
9.00 24 Hours In A&E Patient Emma has significant burns to her leg after spilling a kettle of boiling water, while 22-year-old Claire has collapsed while running, prompting an urgent CT scan. (S)
10.00 Love Cheats The case of a man who told his girlfriend his life had been a series of tragedies to earn her trust, before she learned she was the latest in a long line of victims. (S)
11.05 The Murder Detective (1 ,2 & 3/3) Triple bill. The investigation into the murder of Lyra McKee. Next, the team recover a gun that may be linked to Lyra's murder. Then, Jason Murphy makes his boldest move yet. (R,S,SL)
1.55 Secret Lives Of Gypsy Wives (R,S,SL) **2.50** FILM Sick Of Myself. Norwegian drama starring Kristine Kujath Thorp. (2023) ✪✪✪ **4.25** Kirstie's House Of Craft (R,S) **4.40** Hollyoaks Omnibus (R,S,SL) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.00 Entertainment News On 5 Showbiz news and gossip. (S)
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussing the issues of the day. (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis (S)
12.30 Snooker: British Open 2026 LIVE The afternoon session on day one, held at the Centaur in Cheltenham, featuring first-round matches. (S)
5.30 Motorhoming With Merton & Webster Paul Merton and Suki Webster explore Snowdonia and pitch up at Lake Bala, where they sample some of the watersports available, starting with paddle boarding. (R,S)
6.25 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.30 Britain's Greatest Bridges Rob Bell discovers how the Britannia Bridge was built. (R,S)
6.45 Snooker: British Open 2026 LIVE Coverage of the evening session on day one, held at The Centaur in Cheltenham, featuring the concluding first-round matches. Presented by Katie Shanahan, with analysis provided by Stephen Hendry, Ken Doherty, and Joe Perry. (S)

12.30pm Judd Trump competes in the first-round in Snooker: British Open 2026

8.00 Street Cops: Catching The Yobs (6/6) Rod and Adam team up with armed officers to track down youths linked to a machete incident, while Ben and Jenson respond to reports of a suspected drug-driver. (S)
9.00 Fare Dodgers: At War With The Law Investigators Joey, Ela and new recruit Weronika track a suspect believed to have avoided more than £1,400 in fares, using travel data and CCTV to intercept him at Ilford Station. (S)
10.00 Police: Suspect No 1 (4/5) Detectives face the task of identifying and capturing five masked men who broke into a Scunthorpe household and held the owners at knifepoint before stealing their car. (R,S)
11.05 Traffic Cops (10/20) Officers deal with back-to-back accidents, involving a motorcyclist left with life-changing injuries after being hit by a truck, and a lorry driver trapped in his cab. (R,S)
12.05 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R,S) **1.30** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.30** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **3.20** Amazing Railway Adventures With Nick Knowles (R,S,SL) **4.15** Jane McDonald's Yorkshire: No Place Like Home (R,S,SL) **5.00** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.15** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom (R,S,SL) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL) **5.50-6am** Mixmups (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **12.00** Richard Holt: Yr Academi Felys **12.30** Heno **1.00** Straeon Harri Parri **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Miwsig Fy Mywyd **4.00** Awr Fawr: Blociau Rhif **4.05** Sam Tan **4.15** Bendibwmbwls **4.25** Sion Y Chef **4.40** Amser Maith Maith Yn Ôl **5.00** Stwnsh: Dennis A Dannedd **5.10** Byd Rwtsh Dai Potsh **5.25** Bwystfil **5.35** He-Man A Meistri'r Bydysawd **6.00** Arfordir Cymru: Sir Benfro **6.30** Lowri Morgan: Her 333 **7.00** Heno **7.45** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** NEW Y Sîn **8.25** Garddio A Mwy **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Ralïo+ **9.33** Y Tywydd **9.35** Cefn Gwlad **10.35** Y Deis **11.05-12.10am** Y Fets BBC ONE WALES: **6.30pm** Best Of Weatherman Walking **7.00-7.30pm** The Travelling Auctioneers

FILMS ✪✪✪✪✪ Brilliant ✪✪✪✪ Very Good ✪✪✪ Good ✪✪ Not Bad ✪ Poor (R) Repeat (S) Subtitles (SL) Sign Language

ARRESTING . . . in ITV soap

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Lineker: I'll tackle Souness in The Box

GARY 'REVENGE' ON GRAEME IN NEW SHOW

FOOTIE legend GARY LINEKER is switching sides and settling old scores with his new telly project.

As host of ITV's new celebrity game show The Box, he lines up beside old rival **GRAEME SOUNESS** – and finally gets revenge for a horror tackle 45 years ago.

The former presenter of BBC's Match Of The Day said he took great glee in putting Graeme, one of the contestants, through the wringer with some tough challenges.

"It was revenge for that tackle at Anfield in 1981," said Gary, about a time he faced the Liverpool hardman while playing for Leicester City.

Graeme said: "He did ask me 'Do you remember such and such game?'

"I said, 'I'm sorry, no', – and he rolled his trousers up and said, 'Do you remember that?'"

Gary showed him a nasty scar.

Graeme added: "I said, 'Is it a bit too late to apologise?'"

But Gary has the last laugh in The Box, as he gleefully sets tasks to push the celebs to their limits. He plunges famous names including The Chase's **JENNY RYAN**, JLS singer **JB GILL** and GMB host **RANVIR SINGH** into the unknown as they visit mystery locations while in a box.

CIRCLE OF STRIFE . . . boxed stars on set

They only discover what awaits them – whether that is testing their fear of heights at Brighton's i360 tower or running in an egg and spoon race – when the box opens.

Love Island's **SHAKIRA KHAN** said she struck up an unlikely friendship with fellow competitor, former House of Commons Speaker **JOHN BERCOW**, despite their very different backgrounds.

"Me and John are best friends," said Shakira, smiling.

"Some of the words he comes out with, I don't even know what they mean!

"I had him on FaceTime with my mum and dad and it was like completely different worlds. They're so northern, so common. And he's posh.

"But he's just the best. He's such a cutie pie. We're total opposites but we really got on."

The pair are even talking about teaming up for a new podcast.

"It'd be hilarious," said Shakira. "Watch this space."

Also taking part are Dragons' Den star **SARA DAVIES**, Towie's **JOEY ESSEX**, new Strictly It Takes Two host **ELLIE TAYLOR**, and YouTuber **DANNY AARONS**.

The Box starts on Saturday at 8.15pm.

CORRIE'S FARREL IN PARADISE

FORMER Coronation Street star FARREL HEGARTY has landed a huge new role.

The actress, who played jailbird Lou Michaelis in the ITV soap, has joined the cast of Death In Paradise.

She has just flown out to the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, and will spend the next two weeks filming her scenes for the long-running crime drama.

A source said: "It's a dream come true to join the show for a guest stint.

"A fortnight filming in paradise is worlds away from the grey skies of Weatherfield."

In April, it was announced the BBC hit would return for another two series and two Christmas specials.

Fans can look forward to more sun-drenched drama on the shores of Saint Marie with show favourites DON GILET, DON WARRINGTON and SHANTOL JACKSON all back in action as cops.

BRITAIN'S Got Talent has introduced Instagram applications for its milestone 20th series. For the first time, performers can apply directly via the platform. If selected, they will audition for judges **SIMON COWELL**, **ALESHA DIXON**, **AMANDA HOLDEN** and **KSI** on the ITV show.

GRECO'S BACK ON THE BEAT

SOAP heartthrob MICHAEL GRECO is enjoying a career renaissance.

When he arrived on EastEnders nearly three decades ago as hunky Italian Beppe di Marco, he had the nation swooning.

After years out of the limelight, he's back on the small screen and winning rave reviews for his part in Sky's Fightland eight-parter.

COP . . Michael

He plays corrupt copper DS Gower in the show, which has rapper 50 CENT as an executive producer.

And I can reveal he's also just landed a major role in new gangster film, Killing Time.

It will be directed by Michael Head. Bookish actor SIMON CALLOW and Towie's JAMES LOCKE also star.

Welcome back, Michael.

More listings: Pages 30 & 31

CASUALTY'S AMBO HELL

THE world's longest-running medical drama, Casualty, marks its 40th anniversary this week with a disaster that leaves lives hanging in the balance.

Dr Flynn Byron (OLLY RIX) and his team are pushed to their limits when an ambulance falls off a cliff.

The BBC One show's huge milestone is extra-special for Olly.

He said: "I turned 40 last year and could relate to some aspects of what Flynn is wrestling with. It's a time when people start to worry about slowing down but also gain perspective.

"It's also a time you're at your absolute best, despite the dread of a number, and Flynn's narrative here is a nod to that."

Former Call The Midwife star Olly says he owes a lot to Casualty, as it brought him and fiancée co-star ANNA CHELL together.

The two-parter airs on Saturday from 8pm.

HORNE IN THE HOUSE

ALEX HORNE has bagged a new Taskmaster-style show which will see families play madcap games in their own homes.

Following a successful pilot, Channel 4 has commissioned Your Time Starts Now – a working title – which will see households compete against one another while tackling devious tasks.

Host Alex joked: "I often hear about friends, families, colleagues and teammates doing our tasks on holidays or at weddings, Scout camps and Christmas dinners, but I seldom hear that these people have sought permission to do so.

"Now, finally, we will harness the country and be able to set challenges within a rigorous framework so that the rules are properly adhered to, everyone is judged appropriately and the best are rightfully rewarded."

Alex's comedy, The Horne Section, was axed in June after two series, so this is great news.

Monday

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FREEVIEW

BBC THREE freeview 23

7pm Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out **7.25 FILM** Paddington 2. Comedy adventure with the voice of Ben Whishaw. (2017) **9.00** The Great British Sewing Bee **10.00** Silent Witness **12.00-2.15am** Confessions Of A Teenage Fraudster

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm The Architecture The Railways Built **7.45** The Flying Gardener **8.00** Archaeology: A Secret History. How discoveries in the 18th and 19th centuries overturned previous beliefs. **9.00** Mastermind: 1977 **9.30** Call My Bluff **10.00** Close To Vermeer **11.20** Tutankhamun: The Truth Uncovered **12.20** Nature And Us: A History Through Art **1.20** The Flying Gardener **1.35-2.50am** Close To Vermeer

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.15** Dinner Date **7.15** Celebrity Dinner Date **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15 FILM** The Croods. Animated comedy with the voice of Nicolas Cage. (2013) **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Supermarket Sweep **2.10** Wheel Of Fortune **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10 FILM** Kung Fu Panda. Animated comedy with the voice of Jack Black. (2008) **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club **9.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.00** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** Plebs **1.55-2.20am** Deep Fake Neighbour Wars

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders. A performer at a music festival is killed and a priceless violin stolen. **10.00** Lewis **11.50pm-2am** Poirot

ITV4 freeview 26

6am Magnum, PI **7.00** Minder **8.05** Boon **9.10** Robin Of Sherwood **10.20** The Professionals **11.25** Magnum, PI **1.30** The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes **2.40** Boon **3.45** Hornblower **5.50 FILM** Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves. Action adventure starring Kevin Costner. (1991) **9.00 FILM** A Fistful Of Dynamite. Spaghetti Western starring Rod Steiger and James Coburn. (1971) **12.15** Lost **1.50-2.45am** Motorsport UK

E4 freeview 13

6am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **8.00** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00** Below Deck Down Under **10.00** Gogglebox. The critics review Coronation Street, and Married at First Sight UK. **11.00** First Dates **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.10-2.10am** Below Deck Down Under

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8.55am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.55** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs. A couple plan to build a new family home in rural East Sussex almost entirely out of concrete. **9.00** PopMaster TV. Music quiz, hosted by Ken Bruce. **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** 999: On The Front Line **1.15-2.20am** 24 Hours In A&E

ARCTIC ROLE . . . detectives Silva and Longacre head to Svalbard

Sun TV review

VIGIL
S3, ep1, BBC One

GOOD things are worth waiting for – and the old adage applies to the latest series of Vigil.

It's a whole 15 minutes before Suranne Jones and Rose Leslie return to the screen as detectives Amy Silva and Kirsten Longacre.

And it takes a while to get your head around the complicated premise of the thriller's latest instalment. But when it does click, it's gripping.

One moment will have you jumping from your seat.

Leaving behind the claustrophobic submarine from series one and the hostile ranks of the Air Force at the centre of series two, the action takes place in an Arctic research station on Svalbard, a remote archipelago between Norway and the North Pole.

Chinese microbiologist Shen Jia is bundled out in a covert operation led by four British soldiers for mysterious reasons, and makes sure she collects some important documents before she goes.

But the mission is thwarted by some brutish Russians, who demand they hand over Shen.

She goes missing in the resulting shootout – which is unfortunate, as she's in possession of security secrets.

Back in Scotland, Kirsten, on her first day back from maternity leave, is thrown in at the deep end.

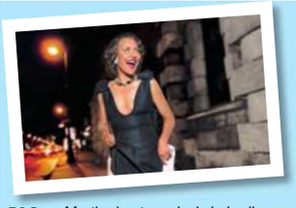
She's asked to go to Svalbard as her expertise is needed for this extremely delicate case, which could set the UK on a collision course with Russia.

Svalbard is demilitarised, which means military presence and operations are banned.

So the fact a British special

SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **10.00 FILM** Alvin And The Chipmunks. Children's comedy starring Jason Lee. (2007) **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Nothing To Declare **2.00 FILM** Flash Gordon. Sci-fi comic-strip adventure starring Sam J Jones and Max von Sydow. (1980) **4.00** Nothing To Declare **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation **8.00** Hawaii Five-0 **9.00** Evil **10.00** The Walking Dead: The Ones Who Live **11.15** Grimm **12.15** Wynonna Earp **1.10-2.05am** Police 24/7



E4 8pm Martha hosts a picnic in Ladies Of London: The New Reign

U&DAVE freeview 19

7am Eddie Eats America **7.35** Top Gear Nepal Special **9.05** Top Gear Vietnam Special **10.50** Gavin & Stacey **2.40** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **5.00** Rick Stein's Road To Mexico **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **8.20** Would I Lie To You? The Unseen Bits **9.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Taskmaster **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40** Would I Lie To You? At Christmas **1.20-2am** Would I Lie To You? The Unseen Bits

U&DRAMA freeview 20

7.30am The Bill **8.25** Doctors **9.35** Classic Holby City **10.55** Casualty **11.55** The Bill **12.55** Classic EastEnders **2.15** Classic Neighbours **3.15** Whitstable Pearl **4.15** Kingdom **5.20** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries. The boss of Brokenwood agricultural show dies after a ride on the Ghost Train. **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Copper **12.20** Lovejoy **1.30-2.35am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

REALLY freeview 44

6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Long Lost Family **6.00** The Repair Shop. A velvet poster is restored. **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Repair Shop **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **11pm-2am** Celebrity Help! My House Is Haunted

U&YESTERDAY freeview 27

6.10am Abandoned Engineering **7.10** The Architecture The Railways Built **8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Churchill's Toyshop **11.00** The World At War **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Churchill's Toyshop **5.00** The World At War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Seven Worlds, One Planet **8.00** Canal Boat Diaries **10.00** Bangers & Cash **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

U&W freeview 25

6.15am Property Brothers: Forever Homes **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **3.00** Pete Wicks: For Dogs' Sake **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** One Born Every Minute **11.00** Missing Persons Investigation **1.00-1.35am** Inside The Ambulance

QUEST freeview 17

6am Shed And Buried **6.30** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **8.30** Shed And Buried: Classic Combine **9.30** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **10.30** Shed And Buried **12.30** Shed And Buried: Classic Helicopter **2.30** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **3.30** Shed And Buried **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **9.00** Ant Anstead: Born Mechanic **10.00** MotoGP Highlights **11.00** British Superbikes **12.00-1am** How Do They Do It?

THAT'S TV freeview 56

8am That's 60s: Best Music Live! **8.15 FILM** Rising Damp. Comedy based on the 1970s sitcom starring Leonard Rossiter. (1980) **10.10** On The Buses **1.50** Steptoe And Son Xmas 1973 **2.45** Birds Of A Feather **3.15** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **4.10** Going Straight **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **9.55** Shameless **10.55** Man About The House **11.25** Mind Your Language **11.55** Benidorm **12.55** Minder **1.55-2.20am** Birds Of A Feather

SPORT

Sky Sports Main Event 6.30pm Joao Gomes and Aston Villa face Arsenal

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Test Cricket Bitesize **10.15** LIVE Test Cricket. England v Pakistan. Coverage of the fifth and final day of the second Test in the three-match series, held at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. **6.30** LIVE MNF. Aston Villa v Arsenal. Kick-off at 8.00. All the action from the Premier League match at Villa Park. **10.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day two of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York. **12.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day two of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York. **2.30-5.30am** LIVE US Open Tennis. Day two of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am The Big Interview **6.30** PL Highlights **8.30** SNF **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **11.00** Ref Watch **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** PL Highlights **3.00** SNF **3.30** FNF **4.00** PL Highlights **5.00** The Premier League Show **6.00** Ref Watch **6.30** LIVE MNF. Aston Villa v Arsenal. Kick-off at 8.00. All the action from the Premier League match at Villa Park. **11.00** Premier League Stories **11.30** The Big Interview **12.00** MNF Hlts **12.30** Ref Watch **1.00-3am** PL Retro

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am EFL League One Goals **6.30** EFL League Two Goals **7.00** EFL Highlights **9.00** SPFL Round-Up **9.15** SPFL Highlights **9.30** EFL Highlights **10.00** EFL League One Goals **10.30** EFL League Two Goals **11.00** SPFL **1.00** EFL Greatest Games **1.15** EFL Highlights **1.30** SPFL Round-Up **1.45** SPFL Highlights **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** EFL League One Goals **3.30** EFL League Two Goals **4.00** SPFL Round-Up **4.15** SPFL Highlights **4.30** EFL Highlights **6.00** SPFL Round-Up **6.15** SPFL Highlights **6.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **7.30** EFL League One Goals **8.00** EFL League Two Goals **8.30** EFL Highlights **9.00** SPFL Round-Up **9.15** SPFL Highlights **9.30** EFL Highlights **10.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **11.30** EFL Highlights **1.00-2am** EFL

SKY SPORTS ACTION

6am Betfred Super League **8.45** Women's Super League **9.00** Betfred Super League **11.45** Betfred Super League Highlights **12.00** MVP Boxing **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **8.00** The Proving Ground **9.00** MVP Boxing **10.00** NFL Fantasy **11.00** NFL Highlights **12.00** The Insiders **1.00-2am** NFL Highlights

SKY SPORTS +

6am Sky Sports Catch Up **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **11.00** Ref Watch **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** Sports Desk **3.30** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day two of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York. **12.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day two of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York. **2.30-5.30am** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day two of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6am Test Cricket **10.00** Test Cricket Bitesize **10.15** LIVE Test Cricket. England v Pakistan. Coverage of the fifth and final day of the second Test in the three-match series, held at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. **7.00** Best Of ICC WT20 **7.30** The Film Room: England Vs India **8.00** Test Cricket **9.00** International T20 Cricket **9.30** Test Cricket Bitesize **10.00** Test Cricket **11.00** International T20 Cricket

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky Witness 9pm Tynan offers Curry a chance in Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

SKY ONE

6am FILM Playmobil: The Movie. Animated adventure comedy. (2019) **7.45** Terry Pratchett's Going Postal **9.45** The Simpsons **12.15** Agatha Raisin **4.15 FILM** Fantastic Mr Fox. Stop-motion animated adventure with the voices of George Clooney and Meryl Streep. (2009) **6.00 FILM** Chicken Run. Animated comedy featuring the voices of Mel Gibson and Julia Sawalha. (2000) **7.45** David Attenborough And The Giant Elephant. David Attenborough investigates the life of a famous Victorian elephant. **9.00 FILM** Venom. Fantasy adventure starring Tom Hardy and Riz Ahmed. (2018) **11.10** Rob Beckett: Giraffe **12.55** Grimm **1.50-2.45am** Evil

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Fish Town **7.00** The Last Of Us **2.45** Possession **7.45** House Of The Dragon. Driven by her faith in Alicent, Rhaenyra positions herself to take King's Landing, while the Triarchy sails to take on Corlys in the Gullet. **9.00** House Of The Dragon. Alicent risks everything to fulfil her end of the bargain, while Rhaenyra must decide whether the Iron Throne is worth the cost. **10.15** House Of The Dragon. Rhaenyra learns the situation in King's Landing is not what she anticipated and must navigate a delicate balance between appeasing her supporters and consolidating her rule. **11.15pm-2.40am** House Of The Dragon

SKY WITNESS

6am Bondi Rescue **7.00** UK Border Force **8.00** Customs UK **9.00** Caught On Dashcam **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Caught On Dashcam **4.00** Nothing To Declare **7.00** Caught On Dashcam **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Reports of an assault by a guest at a celebrity fan convention leads to a murder investigation, while Tynan offers Curry a chance to advance her career. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. A social services worker and a deputy mayor are murdered, and the detectives discover a link to a 10-year-old mathematics prodigy. **11.00** The Rookie. In the season finale, the team realise they're a target for a group of masked assailants. **12.00-2am** FBI

U&GOLD

7.10am The Vicar Of Dibley **9.00** The Royle Family **10.20** Not Going Out. Lee gets invited to a christening party being thrown by neighbours Toby and Anna. Comedy starring Lee Mack, Hugh Dennis and Abigail Cruttenden. **11.00** The Royle Family **1.35-3am** The Outlaws

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am Mr Bean **10.00** The Best Of Mr Bean **11.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Friends **9.00** Stupid Central. Babatunde Aléshé presents family-friendly fails. **10.00** Jimmy Carr's Am I The A**hole? GK Barry and Jamali Maddix pass judgement on a controversial psychic, someone who ended a friendship over ketchup, and some wild revenge against an ex. **11.00** Mr Bean. Rowan Atkinson stars. **12.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **1.00-2am** South Park

U&ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **10.00** Death In Paradise **7.00** Private Eyes. As Toronto swelters through a heat wave, small-town deputy Eddie Conroy comes to town needing Angie and Shade's help when the suspicious death of his friend is ruled a suicide. **8.00** My Life Is Murder. At an elite pub quiz night, a lawyer's bizarre murder prompts Alexa and Madison to go undercover among wealthy, competitive suspects. **9.00** Father Brown. Fifties-set crime drama based on the stories by GK Chesterton, starring Mark Williams. **11.00** Private Eyes **12.00-4am** Death In Paradise

SKY COMEDY

8am Sort Of **9.30** Will & Grace **11.30** The Reluctant Landlord **2.30** Community **5.30** Will & Grace **7.30** The US Office **9.00** Real Time With Bill Maher. The comedian invites three guests from different parts of the political spectrum to discuss the week's events. **10.10** Lucy Beaumont: Live From The Royal Court Theatre. A stand-up performance by the comedian, featuring offbeat stories, unusual anecdotes and bizarre journeys through modern-day womanhood. **11.05** The Paper **12.20** Community **1.20-2.20am** Hitmen: Reloaded

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** Treehouse Masters **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers. Mike Brewer and Edd China take another look back over highlights from throughout the series, revisiting the most memorable vehicles to grace their garage. **8.00** Ant Anstead Master Mechanic **9.00** Maine Cabin Masters. Chase and the team head to Oakland, to take on a challenging project the owner promised her father she would complete. Can they finish it before winter? **10.00** Building Off The Grid. A gymnastics coach works on his dream cabin in Utah's Wasatch Mountain Range. **11.00** Expedition Files. Josh Gates investigates the curse of Tutankhamun's tomb. **12.00** Deadliest Catch **1.00-2am** Maine Cabin Masters

RADIO

Virgin Radio 6pm Stu Elmore plays a varied soundtrack throughout the evening

VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

6am Steve Denyer On The Chris Evans Breakfast Show **10.00** Goldierocks **2.00** Edward Adoo **6.00** Stu Elmore **10.00** Jen Thomas **2.00-6.30am** James Merritt

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6am Jeremy Kyle **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **10pm-1am** Petrie Hosken

TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

6am TalkSPORT Breakfast With Jeff Stelling **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive **7.00** Kick Off **10pm-1am** The Sports Bar

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forces team was undercover at the mineral prospecting company at the time could get the UK in big trouble.

"China wants the sea route, the UK wants materials and Russia wants control," muses the Svalbard chief of police Henrick Becken (Jeppe Beck Laursen). "It's the world's last gold rush."

The moral grey areas of global superpowers fighting over dwindling resources and a changing climate are central to this clever return.

Full of twists and secrecy, Vigil once again proves it's much more than your usual detective series.

JANINE YAQOOB

SUITE LIFE . . . Fred at Royal Mansour

Sun tv picks

FRED'S ULTIMATE HOTELS, Channel 4, 8pm: If you want to see how the other half live, First Dates' Fred Sirieix has you covered. In his new travel series, he's visiting the world's most luxurious hotels, starting with Morocco's Royal Mansour Marrakech – and from the moment he is picked up in a chauffeur-driven Bentley, you know it's going to impress.

But nothing can prepare you for what's inside the palace owned by King Mohammed VI. It's *very* much fit for royalty, with 53 individual townhouses – at £6k to £32k per night – that come with their own butler, private rooftop and pool.

Then there's the mind-blowing excursions. But it's not all play and no work, as Fred dons a staff uniform to help deliver world-class hospitality. Later, he gives his Hero Award to the team member who most impressed.

TEA WITH JUDI DENCH, SKY ARTS, 9pm: How can Dame Judi make her wonderful show any better? Invite renowned actor Sir Ian McKellen to join in the fun.

He arrives at Judi's picturesque country home with a pot plant in one hand and some delicious Parkin in the other.

Immediately, the two old friends begin a moving and revealing conversation about Ian's life and storied career.

No subject is off limits and there's plenty of laughter along the way. What a joy.

THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO, BBC One, 8pm: This year's production, A Call to Gather, is guaranteed to give you goosebumps.

That's because more than 800 musicians and dancers will perform against the stunning backdrop of Edinburgh Castle.

So whether it's the beat of the drums, the power of the pipes, the toe-tapping of the Highland dancers or the mesmeric marching displays, you'll be swept up in the epicness of it all.

MILLIONAIRE HOT SEAT, ITV1, 7.30pm: This spin-off from Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? keeps upping the ante for quizzers, both in the studio and at home.

As it returns for a new run, the rules are simple: six hopefuls compete for a prize of up to £1million, but only the person sitting in the Hot Seat can win. One wrong answer and someone else gets to face the questions.

Jeremy Clarkson makes sure proceedings motor along nicely – and the fast-paced fun continues weekdays.

RIANNE ISON

11.30 Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **12.00-2am** Test Cricket

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6am DP World Tour Golf **11.00** PGA Tour Golf **5.00** Chronicles Of A Champion Golfer **6.00** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **6.30** PGA Tour Golf **7.30** DP World Tour Golf **8.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **11pm-3am** PGA Tour Golf

TNT SPORTS 1

6am Test Cricket Highlights **8.00** Rolex SailGP Championship **9.00** Premier League **10.30** Serie A **11.30** Sign Up – Into Football **12.30** British Superbikes **1.00** LIVE British Superbikes. Coverage from the second day of the eighth round of the season. **6.00** LIVE Ultimate Pool. Coverage of the finals night of the NxtGen tournament. **9.30** British Superbikes **10.30** MLB Highlights **11.30pm-2.30am** LIVE MLB. Tampa Bay Rays v New York Mets. Start-time at **11.40**.

TNT SPORTS 2

6am British Superbikes **6.30** MotoGP **10.00** British Superbikes **10.30** UCI Mountain Bike World Championship **11.30** Premier League Stories **12.00** Cycling **1.00** CPL Highlights **1.30** Test Cricket Highlights **3.30** LIV Golf **4.30** Sign Up – Into Football **5.30** CPL Highlights **6.00** FIM Speedway World Cup **7.00** UEFA Champions League Magazine **7.30** WRC Review **8.30** Cycling **8.45** Groundbreaking **9.00** CPL Highlights **9.30** LIVE CPL. Trinbago Knight Riders v Jamaica Kingsmen. From Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad. **1.45-3.45am** Test Cricket Highlights

TNT SPORTS 3

6am Cycling **7.00** Cycling **8.00** Snooker Wuhan Open **10.00** World Rally Championship **10.30** Supercars Championship Highlights **12.30** MLB Highlights **1.30** Original Documentary **1.45** Cycling **3.00** Cycling **4.00** Cycling **5.00** Serie A **6.00** MLB Highlights **7.00** Test Cricket Highlights **9.00** Fishing: On the Bank **10.00** NWSL **12.00** Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Seattle Seahawks **1.00-2am** MotoGP

PREMIER SPORTS 1

6am LaLiga **2.00** Sporting Greats **2.30** LaLiga **6.25** LIVE LaLiga. Osasuna v Getafe. Kick-off at 6.30. **8.25** LIVE LaLiga. Barcelona v Rayo Vallecano. Kick-off at 8.30. **10.30** Sporting Greats **11pm-3am** LaLiga

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MOVIES

Sky Cinema Premiere 11.40pm Hugh Jackman stars in Song Sung Blue

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

10am Rise Of The Conqueror (15, 2026) ★★★ **12.10 Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★ **2.05 Hamnet** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **4.15 Panda Plan 2: The Magical Tribe** (12, 2026) ★★★ **6.00 Goat** (PG, 2026) ★★★ **7.50 Rise Of The Conqueror** (15, 2026) ★★★ **9.50 Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★ **11.40 Song Sung Blue** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **1.55-3.25am Signal One** (15, 2026) ★★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

11.30am Wallace & Gromit In The Curse Of The Were-Rabbit (U, 2005) ★★★★ **1.00 Shaun The Sheep Movie** (U, 2015) ★★★★★ **2.30 A Shaun The Sheep Movie: Farmageddon** (U, 2019) ★★★★ **4.00 Goat** (PG, 2026) ★★★ **5.50 Despicable Me** (U, 2010) ★★★★ **7.30 Despicable Me 2** (U, 2013) ★★★ **9.10 Despicable Me 3** (U, 2017) ★★★★ **10.45 Shark Tale** (U, 2004) ★★★★ **12.20-2.05am The LEGO Movie** (U, 2014) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

10.05am The Meg (12, 2018) ★★★★ **12.05 The Italian Job** (PG, 1969) ★★★★★ **1.50 The Expendables 2** (15, 2012) ★★★★ **3.45 Batman & Robin** (PG, 1997) ★★ **6.00 Bad Boys** (15, 1995) ★★★★ **8.00 Bad Boys II** (15, 2003) ★★★★ **10.30 Justice League** (12, 2017) ★★★★ **12.35-2.30am The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor** (12, 2008) ★★★

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11am Harvey (U, 1950) ★★★★★ **1.10 Midway** (12, 2019) ★★★ **3.50 Sister Act 2: Back In The Habit** (PG, 1993) ★★★ **6.00 Titanic** (12, 1997) ★★★★★ **9.45 Drive-Away Dolls** (15, 2024) ★★★ **11.30 Carol** (15, 2015) ★★★★ **1.50-4am Proxima** (12, 2019) ★★★

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11.35am The Embezzler (PG, 1954) ★★★ **12.50 Look At Life 1.00 Richard The Lionheart 1.35 The October Man** (PG, 1947) ★★★★ **3.25 Scotland Yard 4.00 That's My Boy 4.35 Carrington VC** (PG, 1954) ★★★ **6.40 Pete Murray Takes You To Nottingham 7.00 The Footage Detectives 8.00 Maigret 9.50 Borsalino And Co** (18, 1974) ★★★ **12.00-1.40am The Stranglers Of Bombay** (15, 1959) ★★★

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1pm In Plain Sight 2.00 Castle 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 Castle 8.00 Unforgettable 9.00 In Plain Sight 10.00 Mystery 101: An Education In Murder (PG, 2020) ★★★ **11.55pm-1.50am Garage Sale Mysteries: The Deadly Room** (PG, 2015) ★★

GREAT! ACTION freeview 42

11am Wild Wind (PG, 1985) ★★ **1.00 The Unit 2.00 Burn Notice 4.00 Sniper Elite** (15, 2014) ★★ **6.00 The Unit 7.00 Burn Notice 9.00 Homefront** (15, 2013) Crime thriller starring Jason Statham. ★★ **11.10 The Avengers 12.10-1.10am The Baron**

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Gran Dawn Ottewell, 68, was lonely and depressed when she fell for handsome Bright Emokpae, 31, on a dating app. Now she says she's made the biggest mistake of her life

NIGERIAN TOYBOY HUSBAND HAS RUN OFF...I FEAR HE WILL GET MY KIDS' MONEY WHEN I DIE

By GRAEME CULLIFORD

BEAMING, in an off-the-shoulder white lace dress, Dawn Ottewell felt like the happiest woman in the world as she embraced her handsome new husband, 37 years her junior.

But four years on, Nigerian toyboy Bright Emokpae has gone AWOL – and not knowing where he is could be the least of Dawn's worries.

The 68-year-old grandmother-of-seven is terrified he will run off with what's left of her three children's inheritance.

Dawn, who is in poor health with heart disease, sciatica, angina and IBS, is struggling to track down Bright so she can serve him with divorce papers.

She is convinced the 31-year-old has gone missing to avoid being deported from the UK.

Dawn says: "It's an absolute nightmare. I'm still his legally married wife but, apparently, have no right to know where he is.

"He's done a runner and is refusing to sign the divorce papers because, I believe, he wants to cling on to his spouse visa.

"I haven't spoken to Bright since he blocked me on social media about eight months ago.

"Our last conversation was when I told him, 'I just want you to sign the divorce papers'.

"He replied to me, 'I don't have them any more. I'm not going to sign them'.

"My health is not good. My biggest fear is that I'll die before this is sorted out and he'll run off with the money my three children should inherit."

'Massive red flags'

Last year, more than 12,000 romance fraud cases were reported in the UK – up 29 per cent on the previous year – with victims losing a total of more than **£102MILLION**.

According to the National Crime Agency, more than half of those targeted were aged 50 or over, with the highest number between 60 and 69.

Dawn, who has not written a will, fears Bright could also be entitled to her possessions, including jewellery.

She was single and lonely when she met Bright after signing up to dating apps Tinder and Plenty Of Fish in 2021.

And Dawn, of Dewsbury, West Yorks, is not alone. Dating app users aged 55 to 64 spend longer on them than any other age group, a report from watchdog Ofcom found.

Bright initially told Dawn he was a professional in his thirties called Brian Thomas – but later confessed he was in fact a fashion student in his mid-twenties from Benin, Nigeria.

Dawn forgave his lie, quickly falling for his charms as he showered her with compliments in video calls.

In March 2022, eight months after they started talking online, Dawn agreed to fly to northern Cyprus, where Bright was living on a student visa. She knew they would not only meet in person for the first time, but walk down the aisle.

DEVASTATED . . . Dawn today

Dawn says: "I know I was a fool but I was in love.

"I was also so lonely and depressed during the pandemic. I was out of work, with several health issues. I was on Universal Credit and living with my daughter Kirsty, 33, who had a 14-month-old baby, and we were arguing all the time.

"When I met Bright, he made me feel special and alive. He told me I made his heart go 'boom, boom' and I was the loveliest woman he had ever met.

"I knew he was a bit young, and the lies he told me about his name and age should have been two massive red flags. But he was romantic and persuasive.

"I wanted to escape my dreary life stuck at home with no one to love or hold at night – and he took advantage of that."

Dawn and Bright married at a register office in Nicosia as two of his friends acted as best man and maid of honour.

The wedding certificate shows that he was a 27-year-old student, while she was a single housewife aged 64. She says: "I stayed in Cyprus for a month with Bright but I would not call it a honeymoon.

"It was supposed to be two weeks but he asked me to miss my flight. He said he loved me and I believed him."

When Dawn returned home, Bright flew back to Nigeria to sort out a spouse visa to live with her in Britain.

It came through a year later and Dawn excitedly travelled to Heathrow Airport to welcome her new husband to England.

She tried to help Bright settle in while her brother Rory, 72, secured him a job in manufacturing at a door company.

But Dawn says her new hubby soon became cold and distant with her. As they had no joint

BIG DAY . . . the couple sign their official marriage paperwork in Cyprus

ALL SMILES . . . posing for snaps

TAKING A SELFIE . . . the pair in happier times

FOR BETTER OR WORSE . . . Dawn and Bright on their wedding day in 2022

'It's an absolute nightmare. I'm still his legally married wife but, apparently, have no right to know where he is'

bank account, she says he would make constant financial demands, claiming he was in debt from their wedding.

But Dawn says: "Bright was sending a lot of money back home to Nigeria.

"When we went out for dinner, it was usually me who was picking up the bill."

'Honourable intentions'

Bright denies her claims about him freeloading – saying he paid £400 toward his £900 flight from Nigeria and took responsibility for the council tax and water bills at the home they shared.

Dawn and Bright eventually split in October 2023, only to get back together six months later when she was given a £63,000 payout following a botched operation. She says: "I know I shouldn't have taken him back but I wasn't happy being on my own again.

"He insisted his intentions were honourable . . . that he had changed."

But the relationship remained rocky and, just before Christmas 2024, Dawn headed off on a £2,000 Caribbean cruise with her brother to cheer herself up.

She says Bright flew into a rage, saying she should have given him that money to pay off his debts.

When she returned from her trip, he found messages she had sent to other men on dating apps.

Dawn insists the texts were innocent – but he walked out, never to return.

She believes he is now living in Scotland, where he appears to have started an online clothing business which he is advertising on social media. She says: "I'm convinced he was never in love with me and just wanted a visa to move to England.

"And it's because of his cherished spouse visa that he won't agree to a divorce.

"Bright needs to stay in the UK for another two years before he's entitled to settle permanently. He's been here three years.

"I'm getting help from Citizens Advice but they need to find out where he's living.

"I would advise anyone to be very careful who they marry, especially when the person is from abroad, because a lot of men are just doing it for a visa and then they disappear."

When approached by The Sun, Bright said he had signed the divorce papers, but declined to show any proof.

£102m

Amount lost by victims of romance fraud last year

60-69

Age at which most women fall for scam

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HOT or NOT

GOING UP

HEAVEN SCENT

SWEET manufacturer Swizzels has partnered with home fragrance brand Cristalinas to launch a range of reed diffusers and room sprays. Options include Refreshers Lemon and Squashies Bubblegum. Prices start at £1.99 at Home Bargains.

GUY'S GUYS

LADIES, mark your calendars because Guy Ritchie's Netflix series The Gentlemen is returning for season two on Thursday. With the main trailer out, we are fully prepared for another round of stylish chaos and full-on flirty charm.

BACK TO SCHOOL

WHILE the kids might be dreading the end of the summer holiday, exhausted parents will be celebrating. After six weeks of endless entertaining and snack requests, handing them over to the teachers will be a massive relief.

TIGHTS FRIGHT

THE fashion world is trying to bring back stirrup tights, encouraging us to hook elastic straps under our feet. Unless you miss the sensation of being pulled downward by your own hosiery, this Eighties comeback is a total fashion trap.

'BOT BOTHER

AUTOMATED voice systems used to answer phones at GP surgeries are causing chaos after failing to understand accents. We could do without having to repeatedly yell our medical history at a bot just to book an appointment, TBH.

TOO BUSY FOR FUN

ORGANISING a group catch-up with pals takes, on average, 12 messages and nine days to sort – and 42 per cent of of plans crash and burn, according to research by phone firm Three Mobile. Just when did our lives get so crazy busy?

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Lover fears my maneater past

Dear Deidre

I'VE fallen hard for a man who, one year ago, was simply one of the many guys I was sleeping with.

He really likes me, too, but is scared I won't be able to settle down because of my wild reputation.

I'm 23 and this man is 25. Our generation tends to be quite open-minded about dating and sex and, in my group of friends, the women are quite honest about the fact they mostly just want to have fun.

That said, some of our group have settled down with one partner but there's no shame or stigma around those who still want to party.

Last year, I casually started seeing this guy on a 'friends with benefits' basis. Then, out of nowhere, he cut things off because he met someone he wanted to be exclusive with.

I was secretly gutted, though I pretended I was relaxed about it.

Fast-forward to a month ago and we bumped into each other at a mutual friend's birthday party.

He was single again and I could hardly contain my excitement. We ended up in bed and have been out on a number of real dates since.

I genuinely want us to build a relationship because when we are together, everything feels right.

But he admits he is scared that I will cheat on him.

Everyone knows I used to go on lots of dates. I'd go out all the time, drink loads and wake up in a stranger's bed.

Deep down, I knew none of those guys cared about me, but it was only ever about having fun.

I am done with that kind of reckless behaviour now. I have stopped sleeping with anyone else and only have eyes for him.

How do I convince him I've changed and am ready for something real?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Prove your commitment by sticking to your resolve to remain faithful. Sit him down and explain that your feelings run deep.

Tell him you want a genuine, committed relationship rather than continuing as just friends with benefits. Reassure him that you are ready to settle down and want to put your dating days behind you.

He has admitted he really likes you too, so suggest continuing to date while taking the time to truly get to know each other.

Perhaps, in a month or so, you can make it clear that you are no longer prepared to drift along in a casual arrangement.

At that point, your behaviour will have proven your fidelity and honesty.

If he refuses to commit after that, walk away. You deserve a partner who values you. My support pack, Looking After Your Relationship, will help you communicate.

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FETISH IS RISK FOR ROMANCE

Dear Deidre

THE only way I can get properly aroused is when my girlfriend dresses up in lace corsets and leather boots.

I'm 41 and she's 39. We have been happily together for four years and have a strong, loving relationship but I worry my unusual demands might eventually wear her down.

Even though we have sex most nights, I struggle to get an erection unless she dresses up for me.

It isn't just when we are in bed, either. I love her to wear these items when we are relaxing on the sofa, unwinding after work and watching television, just to get me turned on.

To her credit, she has been incredibly sweet and has never once complained or made me feel guilty, but I can't stop worrying if this dependency will turn into a problem in the future.

I am scared she will run out of patience with me, further down the road.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Having a fetish isn't necessarily harmful, but you must make sure your girlfriend never feels less important than the outfit itself.

If she suspects you desire the corset and boots more than her, resentment will build and she may object.

To keep your relationship strong, ask her how she feels and make a conscious effort to make your girlfriend feel wanted for who she is.

Try engaging in sex or intimate play without the need for her to dress up first. My support pack, Fetish Worry, explains more.

IF GAMBLING GOES ON I'LL LOSE FAMILY

Dear Deidre

WALKING through my own front door every evening fills me with dread and shame.

I'm 30 and my wife's 29. I work hard as an electrician and bring home a good wage. My wife works part-time at our local school.

We have two daughters, aged seven and five. They're my world.

I have all that a man could want and everything was perfect – until a mate took me to a betting shop after work. What started as harmless fun has turned into an addiction I can't control. My wages end up in the bookies' pockets.

I promise my wife I'll stop, then I let her down again.

She has forgiven me over and over but can't take this much longer.

She's at breaking point and if she packs up and leaves, taking our girls with her, no one could blame her.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Breaking a gambling addiction means looking under the surface to understand why you are driven to bet when it threatens your family and future.

Taking time to find the role it plays in your life is the first step toward recovery. My support pack, Gambling Problem?, tells more.

Contact gamcare.org.uk (0808 8020 133) because you're unlikely to stop by yourself. Ask your wife to manage the money and alter your daily routine to avoid the bookies.

Following these steps will show her you're committed to saving your relationship.

hot topic

IT'S possible to love your partner and still find yourself tempted by someone else. Attraction, boredom, unmet needs or uncertainty about your relationship can all make staying faithful feel more difficult. While temptation doesn't have to spell the end of a relationship, it can be an opportunity to take a look at what you want.

If you are struggling, my Can't Be Faithful? support pack can help.

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Dear Deidre

WATCHING my girlfriend pack her bags for six months of study abroad was really hard but I wasn't going to stand in her way.

We have been together for almost two years and I was determined to support her when she needed to go to Spain as part of her university degree.

I have tried to stay positive, but am constantly fretting about her finding someone else. I am 23 and she is 20.

She settled quickly in Spain and built a new social circle, which is when I started getting worried.

There is one specific friendship that has shattered my peace of mind – she has become close to a 25-year-old Italian guy.

What started as casual nights out seems to have become much more. First, a trip to the cinema, and then she invited their friendship group, including him, to her apartment for a meal.

To make matters worse, she admitted they danced together in her living room after eating.

During that evening, she completely vanished, leaving my messages unread for over five hours. Her excuse was simply that her phone had run out of battery and she hadn't realised.

I am trying not to turn into a possessive, controlling boyfriend, and she insists nothing has happened between them – but being so far away from her is really hard. Is my jealousy causing me to overreact? Or am I right to feel this anxious about her close connection with another man?

SO UNEASY OVER HER MAN FRIEND

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Checking her every move will only sabotage your relationship, as will demanding constant check-ins from her.

Instead, have a clear, mature conversation. Say that you trust her to be faithful – and when you call, stop questioning her.

Focus on sharing your own life and what you are doing. She is far more likely to stay loyal to you if you show you are confident, independent and living a fulfilling life of your own.

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I THOUGHT it was April Fool's Day when I saw Gordon Brown discussing his new book, The Future Starts With Us. He should have called it The Decline Of The UK Started With Us.

BRENDA TITTERTON
Chesterfield, Derbys

WHEN will the Government actually do something to stop illegal migrants crossing the Channel?

It's no good tinkering around the edges – officials must do whatever it takes to halt them completely.

CLIVE PINNELL
Congresbury, Bristol

JOHN HEALEY made the honourable decision to resign as Defence Secretary over lack of investment in defence.

As Chancellor, he is now in a position to do something about it. He needs to accelerate the defence investment plan and approve North Sea oil expansion.

After all, oil is crucial for HM Forces and it can generate real revenue for defence.

JOHN BARSTOW
Pulborough, West Sussex

I AM fed up of hearing about expats getting benefits while as a pensioner, my savings interest is being taxed.

Keeping your money under your mattress seems to be more and more appealing these days.

MICHAEL TAYLOR
Sholing, Southampton

Ex-royals still live in luxury

£50 LETTER

AFTER six months in exile because of her links to Jeffrey Epstein, Sarah Ferguson is returning to the UK.

Despite a number of business failures and financial bailouts, she is still somehow able to fund a £10,000-a-week Home Counties property with six bedrooms.

It defies belief especially as her disgraced former husband, Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor, has been seen driving a new £120,000 Range Rover.

KELVIN GLEN
Corringham, Essex

BACK . . . Fergie

MOST ordinary working people are struggling to make ends meet. So where are the Sussexes, Sarah Ferguson and Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor earning the money to pay for all their luxuries?

ANGIE BOTTERILL
Leicester

DID we need to know that Sarah Ferguson is returning? There is enough trouble in the Royal Family without that odd one getting publicity.

DAVID JOHNSON
Worthing, West Sussex

PRIME Minister Andy Burnham has confirmed the killers of PC Andrew Harper – and anyone convicted of unlawful killing – will not be eligible for the early release scheme.

Burnham went on to say extra prison spaces would be created by deporting foreign criminals. Does he mean all 10,000 of them? While I welcome the news, I feel he is chasing headlines.

STEPHEN TURNBULL
Chopwell, Tyne and Wear

EXCELLENT news about PC Harper's killers. The people who organised the petition to keep them behind bars deserve huge credit, as does The Sun newspaper for the publicity.

MARION WHALLEY
By email

IF the Government wants to make space for more prisoners, why doesn't it offer those convicted of crimes the option to join the Armed Forces instead? Maybe it would help them turn their lives around.

PETE LAMBELL
Daventry, Northants

FOLLOWING the suspected gang-related violence in Middlesbrough, the city's former mayor is right that the justice system is too soft. Bring back National Service and let's see how tough those youths are then.

J C HAYES
Sidmouth, Devon

WELL done, Iceland, for voting against restarting talks to join the European Union. It's a shame Labour plans to make the UK rejoin the EU via the back door.

MALCOLM GREATOREX
Crawley, West Sussex

NOW Brussels won't be able to take all of Iceland's abundant fish stocks. If somewhere like Iceland can thrive outside the EU, then so can the UK.

PAUL SHEEHAN
Binley, West Midlands

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Teaser

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Toughie

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Word Square
ACROSS: 1 Beats
2 Radio 3 Aroma
4 Strip 5 Sheds
DOWN: 1 Brass
2 Earth 3 Adore
4 Timid 5 Soaps

NumberCrunch
Easy: 340
Medium: 289
Harder: 249

Mini Jigsaw
SADDLE, LADDER, MOSAIC, GARTER, VELVET, SPIDER

Set Square

8	×	3	÷	2
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6	+	9	−	4
+		+		÷
7	−	5	÷	1

Sun Sakuro 1
298
175
364

Mini Fit
ZOO, STEP, TRAM

Cell Blocks

Word Ladder
MOLE, Moll, Boll, Bell, Bill, Dill, HILL

Mind The Gap
Sparkling, Flowerpot, Martyrdom, Kilohertz, Enamoured, Developed, Centenary, KEYHOLE

Quizword
ACROSS: 1 New Amsterdam, 8 Isle, 12 Sleeping car, 13 Siamese, 14 Disney, 15 Frank, 16 New Age, 20 Winnebago, 22 Ukrainian, 23 Andaman, 25 Lassi, 26 Fats, 29 Peru, 30 Rodin, 31 Yerevan, 35 Iron oxide, 36 Old Bailey, 38 Ilkley, 39 Ethan, 40 Agassi, 44 Punjabi, 46 Entablature, 47 Edie, 48 Beta-carotene.
DOWN: 2 Emerson, 3 Apple, 4 Sony, 5 Escargot, 6 Duran Duran, 7 M*A*S*H, 8 Ira Levin, 9 LSE, 10 Ashdown, 11 Cevennes, 17 Ali Baba, 18 Catalonia, 19 Crescendo, 21 Esau, 24 Norfolk, 27 Lime Street, 28 Veda, 29 Philippa, 32 Forename, 33 Romantic, 34 Pyrites, 37 Lisburn, 41 Grant, 42 Gibb, 43 Uber, 45 Ned.

Futoshiki

5	4	2	3	1
2	1	3	4	5
3	5	1	2	4
4	3	5	1	2
1	2	4	5	3

Spot The Saying
1. READ ALL ABOUT IT
2. THREE MEN IN A BOAT

Clue Square
Relay, Hairy, Gaily, Early, Layer, Argyle, Hearty, Eighty, Gaiety, Earthy, Reality, Irately, Rightly, Greatly, Lethargy, LIGHT YEAR

Brickwork
1 Pea 2 Pare 3 Taper 4 Repeat
5 Pre-date 6 Tampered 7 Red meat
8 Dreamt 9 Trade 10 Dart 11 Rat

Minidoku

1	4	2	3
2	3	1	4
4	1	3	2
3	2	4	1

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Arroword

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Add Up
89, 63, 91

Pathfinder
MARMALADE, CROISSANT, FRUIT, TOMATOES, OMELETTE, CORNFLAKES, YOGURT, MEAL, BEANS, SAUSAGES, BOILED EGG

Pub Quiz
1 The Coen brothers, Ethan and Joel
2 Tears for Fears
3 Panorama
4 13
5 River Danube
6 Mars
7 Argos, his dog
8 Dmitri Mendeleev
9 [b] Yellow in colour
10 Loch Lomond
11 Cognac
12 64

Two-Speed Crossword
ACROSS: 1 Baker, 4 De-scant, 8 Red (read)-flag, 9 Fu-to-n, 10 In-f-rare-d, 12 Flue, 14 Gi-itch, 15 Ye-meni, 18 F-l-oe, 19 Triptych, 21 Dr-ool, 22 Tri-ce-ps, 24 Disco-rd, 25 Sa-u-ce.
DOWN: 1 Bar-king, 2 Kid, 3 Reliance, 4 Degree, 5 Safe, 6 Art-ill-ery, 7 Tens-e, 11 Frivolous, 13 Despairs, 16 In haste, 17 G-rate-d, 18 Fad-ed, 20 Also, 23 (F)emu(r).

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Suguru

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4	3	1	2	5
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Wordsearch

Numberfit

Make Tracks

Missing Link
Just, Fuel, Girl, Pull, Navy, Mess, Tube, Book, Barn, Real JELLYSTONE

Mini Code
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OTTER
ROE U
TREE

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ARIES March 21 – April 20

You need to know that all this hard work is paying off. If you're career building it's time to push for more recognition. A new job started now is tailor made for you. Your love life is also changing. Be prepared for new commitments, such as supporting your other half's decisions. There are wedding bells for some!

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

That problem that won't go away? It's time to take a real look at your options. When you stop hoping for a quick fix the answers become obvious, so just get started. News of someone from your past brings nostalgia. This may prompt you to arrange events that keep slipping your mind but which bring your tribe together.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Thinking young is one of your strengths, but don't let anyone see you as a child. Start the week with a show of strength, especially with that person who's been messing you around. A partner loves it when you get tough about the things that obviously make life bigger and better. A new romance is serious stuff.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

Take control of an important issue or refuse to be sidetracked from your goals. You're now that person on a mission, and you don't care how long it takes. Love deepens when you praise your other half for who they really are. Single? Pay close attention to that new face, they're going to be around for a long time.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Jupiter puts you in charge, a role you love but it's not without its hiccups. At work be wholehearted about the challenges everyone's facing and your leadership qualities will shine. Flood your love life with positivity, in what you do and say. New romance could start with a photo or a look, before even a word is spoken.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

Something you learned earlier in the year might now make sense. Smile and have another go at something you'd written off as too hard. Reflect on how to handle a sensitive situation, and look beyond the obvious. By contrast, zoom in on your Aries friends for instant money tips or choosing lucky lottery numbers.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Weighing up all the possible options is a brilliant way of avoiding the real issue. Cut to the chase, especially with something that's already taken up way too much time. It's hard to say who'll be more relieved, you or your bestie. Venus favours less slog and more pleasure. Whatever makes life, or love, happier is the way to go.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

Your all-or-nothing streak goes in your favour. Working life is asking a lot of you but you won't be fazed. Dig deep into your energy resources, but also map out what you need to achieve over the coming month. New love could start as a secret, for more than one reason. Keep it that way for the time being.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Your planet Jupiter opens a new cycle, one that will last into next summer. Some of this is definitely that needed lucky break, but you're also reaping rewards for recent efforts. Gather in some of your harvest but keep sowing seeds for the future. It's a day for little treats, especially with your kids or with a special girlfriend.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Once you see that you can be realistic and optimistic at the same time life becomes easier. In this spirit you can get anything new off to a great start – a job, relationship, or lifestyle change. Even resolutions that have failed before will now work. Money rewards are part of this picture. Giving or receiving gets the ball rolling.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

You're more than ready for this new cycle that the universe has planned for you. Your sense of purpose is stronger than usual and conversations becoming more meaningful. Pay attention to whoever seeks your advice, or to your other half if they open up and share something personal. A large penny could drop.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

Take pride in your work, especially if you're wrapping up a project or starting a new one. That sense of achievement matters. It's the reminder you're in the right place. Trust the timing in your love life too. You've been hurt in the past, but don't let that block your chance of happiness. A Libran has a lot to teach you.

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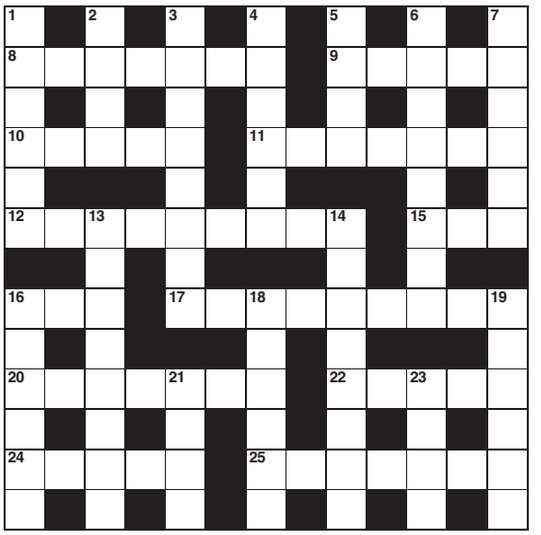
ACROSS

8 Snake and rodent let out with rook (7)
9 One with long legs sprinted into church (5)
10 In France, it's protecting husband's trunk (5)
11 Said din is outrageous, showing feeling of contempt (7)
12 Has muddled famous footballer's son? That's irregular (9)
15 Are books of the bible for six-footer? (3)
16 Now and again, bruise coach (3)
17 Small biting mite with three feet at the front as standard (9)
20 Heard rumour describing body part (7)
22 Supply end to fine joke (5)
24 Reserve status cut (5)
25 Very hilarious, scratching head in sight (7)

DOWN

1 Couples hurry to pack bikinis for vacation (6)
2 Eye complaint in pig pen picked up (4)
3 Sweet talk following second year (8)
4 Shot bird? The French check (6)
5 Parts of play upset cast (4)
6 Buddhist priest in vehicle with one dish (8)
7 Surprisingly, up ante for legume (6)
13 Separate some dustcarts backing up (8)
14 South American writes introduction to elegy in intermission (8)
16 Make White Lightning, initially, in sandy area (6)
18 Get rid of space to wander around (6)
19 Former swimmer, one who's asleep? (6)
21 Official going round European bank (4)
23 Boss of very large aircraft leaving Japan (4)



Coffee Time

ACROSS

8 Venomous US reptile (7)
9 Machine for lifting heavy weights (5)
10 Thorax (5)
11 Scorn (7)
12 Amorphous (9)
15 Social insect (3)
16 Large passenger vehicle (3)
17 Criterion (9)
20 Tissue that vibrates in contact with sound waves (7)
22 Fit out (5)
24 Hiding-place for treasure (5)
25 Observable (7)

DOWN

1 Strengthens (6)
2 Inflamed swelling on eyelid (4)
3 It will get you nowhere, according to idiom (8)
4 Apparatus to control a horse (6)
5 Book of the New Testament, in brief (4)
6 Cooked squid (8)
7 Plant cultivated (notably by Jimmy Carter) for its edible seeds (6)
13 Summary (8)
14 Anxiety (8)
16 Household product containing sodium hypochlorite (6)
18 Take away (6)
19 Smoked herring (6)
21 Line of rocks near the sea's surface (4)
23 Central boss of a shield (4)

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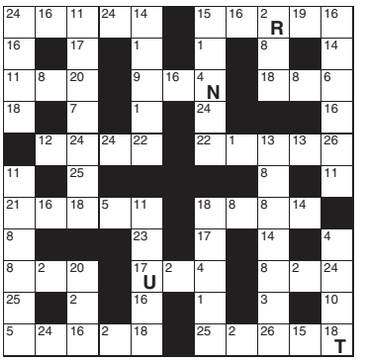

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION. ACROSS: Reflex, Upon, Quip, Exempt, Hazardously, Kaftan, Sigh, Perm, Loofah.
DOWN: Nebula, Slip, Exceedingly, Bureau, Coop, Autumn, Logjam, Aver, Stow.

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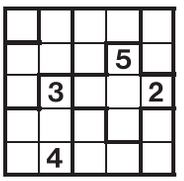

Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below right.

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a cricketer:

3 & 10	England midfielder bought by Man City from Notts Forest for a reported £116 million in July 2026
1 & 9	Ruined his own company when he called their jewellery "cheaper than a prawn sandwich"
8 & 11	Then-teenage Swedish environmental activist voted TIME's Person of the Year in 2019
5 & 6	Drummer and founder member of Pink Floyd
2 & 7	She played Wonder Woman in the seventies
4	In Toyland, he is Big Ears's taxi-driving friend
12	The Greek messenger of the gods (whose name is not Evri)

Yesterday: Rugby player HENRY SLADE (Ella Langley, Nick Rhodes, (Michelle) Yeoh, Harry Styles, Anne Diamond). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.
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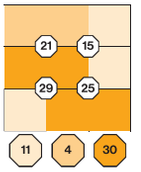
BRAIN BUSTER

Find three new four-letter words that can go between these pairs to make six new eight-letter words:

JUMP ___ ABLE
ANTI ___ WORK
TRAP ___ BELL

SAKURO



Enter 1-9 in the spaces so that the number in each octagon is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals below.

WORDSEARCH

C	S	A	R	O	N	B
R	T	Q	L	P	O	F
I	U	O	U	X	F	L
C	P	G	I	A	X	O
K	Q	N	B	E	S	G
E	G	A	E	Y	R	H
T	H	O	C	K	E	Y

Find seven sports. Items can run forwards, backwards or diagonally. Solution on right.

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Brilliant: 24.
Excellent: 21. Good: 15.
Great score for kids: 12.

SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY: Beef, befit, daft, daftie, deaf, defeat, deft, fade, fate, fated, feat, feed, feet, feta, fete, feted, fetid, fiat, BEATIFIED.

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EASY 38	-29	×4	-27	×10	+189	÷9	+125	Half of it	-39	ANSWER
MEDIUM 130	-66	3/4 of it	+108	÷6	+409	÷5	+91	Half of it	+234	ANSWER
HARDER 667	-169	5/6 of it	+4424	Third of it	+1083	50% of it	+191	÷19	Square root of it	ANSWER

Yesterday's solutions

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Two-Speed Crossword

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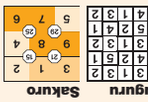
Today's solutions



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Tom's Fin tribute

TOM PIDCOCK has dedicated his latest cross-country mountain bike world title to tragic British cyclist Fin Tarling.

Two-time Olympic champ Pidcock *(right)*, 27, triumphed in Val di Sole, Italy, to add to his 2023 world triumph.

Tarling died at 19 after an accident during the Volta a Portugal this month.

Pidcock, a team-mate of Tarling's brother Josh at Netcompany Ineos in 2023, said: "I want to dedicate this win to Fin Tarling, to Josh. I want to dedicate this to him and his family."

Josh Tarling raced at the Vuelta a Espana just days after his brother's death and Pidcock said: "Seeing him start the Vuelta was pretty incredible."

Leeds racer Pidcock was 17 seconds clear of team-mate Brit Charlie Aldridge, who finished second in Italy.

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

CRICKET

SECOND TEST

England v Pakistan

Lord's: England 290 (66.4 overs; J L Smith 61, J M Cox 55; Mohammad Abbas 4-73) and 208 (54.2 overs; D W Lawrence 54; Mohammad Abbas 5-57). Pakistan 110 (37.2 overs; O E Robinson 4-11) and 194 (50.5 overs; Saud Shakeel 97; O E Robinson 4-24). **England beat Pakistan by 194 runs.**

ROTHESAY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION ONE

Essex v Surrey

Chelmsford: Surrey 183 (53.2 overs) and 298-8dec. (99.0 overs; B T Foakes 120no). Essex 279 (85.0 overs; D Elgar 113; R D Chahar 6-80). **Essex (12pts) drew with Surrey (11pts).**

Glamorgan v Hampshire

Sophia Gardens: Hampshire 162 (40.2 overs; J S Lehmann 51no) and 300-8dec. (69.3 overs; T E Albert 64; B I Kellaway 4-78). Glamorgan 161 (60.0 overs; B I Kellaway 57; S Baker 4-34) and 21-3 (13.5 overs). **Glamorgan (11pts) drew with Hampshire (11pts).**

Sussex v Somerset

Hove: Somerset 202 (58.0 overs; T B Abell 72, C Overton 54; H T Crocombe 5-56) and 350-9dec. (97.2 overs; T A Lammonby 93, H M Nicholls 50). Sussex 250 (69.4 overs; T G R Clark 85, J A Simpson 64no; C Overton 4-66) and 62-1 (14.0 overs). **Sussex (12pts) drew with Somerset (11pts).**

Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire

Edgbaston: Nottinghamshire 325-8dec. (88.1 overs; J M Clarke 150, B J R Martindale 55). Warwickshire 185 (54.1 overs; O P Stone 5-49). **Warwickshire (10pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (13pts).**

Yorkshire v Leicestershire

Scarborough: Yorkshire 263 (76.4 overs; J H Wharton 70, G C H Hill 62). Leicestershire 84-0 (35.3 overs). **Yorkshire (9pts) drew with Leicestershire (11pts). No play Sunday due to Wet Outfield**

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Notts	10	4	1	5	16	28	148
Somerset	10	4	2	4	18	30	144
Warwicks	10	3	1	6	15	29	140
Glamorgan	10	3	3	4	14	27	121
Sussex	10	4	3	3	20	24	120
Essex	10	4	4	2	13	26	119
Yorkshire	10	3	3	4	13	24	117
Surrey	10	1	3	6	18	23	105
Leics	10	2	5	3	19	27	102
Hampshire	10	2	5	3	3	27	86

DIVISION TWO

Derbyshire v Middlesex

Derby: Derbyshire 131 (49.1 overs; N Sharma 4-36) and 111-3 (37.0 overs). Middlesex Forfeit (0.0 overs). **Derbyshire (8pts) drew with Middlesex (11pts).**

Durham v Gloucestershire

Riverside: Gloucestershire 137 (42.0 overs; J R Bracey 60; K L Aldridge 5-16) and 250 (73.3 overs; M A H Hammond 58; K L Aldridge 4-47). Durham 384 (88.1 overs; D G Bedingham 122) and 4-0 (1.0 overs). **Durham (22pts) beat Gloucestershire (3pts) by 10 wickets.**

Northamptonshire v Kent

Northampton: Kent 345 (91.3 overs; Z Crawley 89, D J Bell-Drummond 70, B G Compton 53). Northamptonshire 450-6dec. (97.1 overs; R Vasconcelos 119, N A McSweeney 109, Saif Zaib 72). **Northamptonshire (16pts) drew with Kent (12pts).**

Worcestershire v Lancashire

New Road: Lancashire 180 (61.2 overs; K K Jennings 55; B Swanepoel 4-37) and 2-0 (2.0 overs). Worcestershire 263-7dec. (62.0 overs; B Swanepoel 63no, J D Libby 56; G P Balderson 4-78). **Worcestershire (12pts) drew with Lancashire (10pts).**

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Durham	10	7	0	3	27	28	191
Kent	10	5	1	4	19	25	151
Northants	10	4	2	4	27	28	151
Worcs	10	4	3	3	15	26	127
Middlesex	10	3	4	3	13	28	113
Derbyshire	10	3	5	2	21	25	110
Lancashire	10	2	5	3	10	28	94
Glocs	10	1	9	0	6	24	44

CYCLING

LA VUELTA: Stage 9 (La Vila Joiosa/Villajoyosa to Alte de Aitana. Costa Blanca, 187.4km) - 1 E Mas (Spa) Movistar Team 5h 10m 40s, 2 O Onley (GB) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team at same time, 3 P Roglic (Slo) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe +12s, 4 F Gall (Aut) Decathlon CMA CGM Team +18s. **Overall** - 1 Mas 28h 34m 03s, 2 Roglic +1m 18s, 3 Gall +1:39, 4 Onley +2:20, 5 R Carapaz (Ecu) EF Education-EasyPost +03:26.

DARTS

HUNGARIAN TROPHY (Budapest): **Final** - R Smith (Eng) bt G Anderson (Sco) 8-2.

GOLF

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP (Atlanta): **Final Rnd** (USA unless stated) - **264** S Scheffler 65 67 66 66, **267** V Hovland (Nor) 64 66 65 72, **268** R Gerard 65 65 66 72, **269** L Aaberg (Swe) 65 68 65 71, J Bridgeman 68 67 66 68, A Fitzpatrick (Eng) 68 68 67 66, C Gotterup 64 67 67 71, R Henley 70 65 66 68, Min-Woo Lee (Aus) 62 73 66 68, R McIlroy (NIrl) 68 69 63 69., **270** T Fleetwood (Eng) 66 70 67 67, A Scott (Aus) 66 67 65 72, C Young 70 62 68 70.

HUSQVARNA BRITISH MASTERS (Sutton Coldfield): **Final Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated) - **274** J Dean 67 73 71 63, **277** I Elvira (Spa) 65 71 72 69, N Noergaard (Den) 71 68 67 71, D Hillier (Nzl) 69 66 69 73, J Skov Olesen (Den) 67 72 67 71, **278** M Penge 69 65 72 72, T McKibbin (NIrl) 68 68 70 72, T Rosenmueller (Ger) 71 71 68 68.

KPMG WOMEN'S IRISH OPEN (Dublin): **Final Rnd** (US unless stated) - **268** C Alexander (Rsa) 63 66 69 70, **271** S Kouskova (Cze) 68 66 67 70, **272** N Komulainen (Fin) 73 66 66 67, **273** L Maguire 71 71 63 68, L Rydqvist (Swe) 68 67 69 69.

LPGA FM CHAMPIONSHIP (Norton, Massachusetts): **Final Rnd - 274** R Yin (Chn) 71 65 68 70, **276** Hyo-Joo Kim (Kor) 68 67 70 71, **277** A Corpuz (US) 68 67 74 68.

MOTORCYCLING

GRAND PRIX OF CATALUNYA (Aragon): **MotoGP** - 1 M (Spa) Ducati Marquez 41m 10.969s, 2 P Acosta (Spa) KTM +1.754s, 3 M Bezzecchi (Ita) Aprilia +3.629. **Standings** - 1 J Martin (Spa) 256pts, 2 M Marquez 237, 3 Bezzecchi 232. **Moto2** - 1 A Lopez (Spa) Kalex 35m 04.377s,. **Moto3** - 1 M Quiles (Spain) KTM 33m 15.478s.

BRITISH SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP (Cadwell Park): **Race 1** - 1 R Skinner (GB) Yamaha 26m 04.431s, 2 K Ryde (GB) Ducati +2.346, 3 L Haslam (GB) Ducati +3.237.

RALLYING

RALLY PARAGUAY - 1 S Pajari (Fin) Toyota 3h 13m 28.5s, 2 H Paddon (NZ) Hyundai +25.8, 3 A Fourmaux (Fra) Hyundai +40.0, 4 E Evans (GB) Toyota +45.1, 5 O Solberg (Sweden) Toyota +2:57.0. **Standings** - 1 Evans 216pts, 2 Pajari 196, 3 Solberg 175.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP - Batley 16 Salford RLFC 18, Halifax 18 Keighley 19, Midlands Hurricanes 98 North Wales 0, Rochdale 14 Oldham 32, Workington 20 Whitehaven 29.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London Br	23	22	0	1	1445	278	44
Newcastle	24	21	0	3	1093	302	42
Oldham	24	21	0	3	787	403	42
Doncaster	24	19	0	5	915	379	38
Widnes	24	17	0	7	757	356	34
Barrow	24	17	0	7	649	447	34
Sheffield	24	16	0	8	637	545	32
Midlands	24	13	1	10	652	650	27
Whitehaven	24	11	1	12	519	661	23
Batley	24	11	0	13	655	573	22
Dewsbury	24	8	0	16	522	652	16
Salford RLFC	24	8	0	16	544	796	16
Hunslet	24	8	0	16	496	776	16
Goole Vikings	24	8	0	16	532	867	16
Rochdale	24	8	0	16	403	754	16
Keighley	24	6	2	16	594	678	14
Swinton	23	6	1	16	470	728	13
Workington	24	5	1	18	472	735	11
Halifax	24	8	0	16	558	668	4
North Wales	24	3	0	21	282	1734	-6

* Halifax & North Wales deducted 12 points

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE: Losers stage - Barrow Raiders 0 Huddersfield 42, Featherstone Rovers 30 Leigh Leopards 0.

TENNIS

US OPEN (Flushing Meadows, New York): **1st rnd - Men** - (7) D Medvedev (Rus) bt H Gaston (Fra) 6-4 6-2 6-4; (26) A Rinderknech (Fra) bt S Shimabukuro (Jpn) 6-6 (4-7) 6-2 7-6 (7-4) 6-2; L Van Assche (Fra) bt (29) C Norrie (GB) 6-7 (6-8) 6-2 6-2 6-3; (18) J Lehecka (Cze) bt P Carreno-Busta (Spa) 6-1 7-6 (7-5) 5-6 6-2; (20) T Paul (USA) bt C Wong (Hkg) 6-7 (3-7) 6-1 6-3 6-3.

Women's Singles 1st rnd - K Rakhimova (Uzb) bt (27) B Krejcikova (Cze) 7-6 (7-4) 6-2; (11) M Kostyuk (Ukr) bt S Hunter (Aus) 6-4 6-1; (3) J Pegula (USA) bt E Gabriela Ruse (Rom) 6-3 6-2; (31) L Fernandez (Can) bt S Zhang (Chn) 6-3 6-2; (19) J Paolini (Ita) bt V Erjavec (Slo) 6-3 3-6 6-4.

TODAY'S SPORT

RUGBY LEAGUE - The 1895 Cup Final: London Broncos v Widnes (3.0).

SNOOKER - British Open (Cheltenham).

SPEEDWAY - Premiership: Belle Vue v Sheffield (12.0) Leicester v Ipswich (7.30), Sheffield v Belle Vue (7.30).

TENNIS- US Open (Flushing Meadows).

CRICKET SERIES WIN

OLLIE GOOD SHOW

Robbo's Victorian reign

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

OLLIE ROBINSON is producing the sort of extraordinary bowling figures that take us back almost 150 years.

Robinson harvested another glut of victims as England swept to victory in the Second Test at Lord's by 194 runs.

His final analysis was 4-24 from 14 overs – meaning 8-35 in the match.

And England have now won two out of two since Joe Root returned as captain.

Robinson's aggregate in his three Tests this summer is 23 wickets for 192 runs at an average of 8.34.

We are talking numbers plucked from the Victorian age.

In the late 19th century there was a bowler called George Lohmann, whose Test career stats were 112 wickets at a ludicrously low average of 10.75.

Well, Robinson this summer is in the same bracket.

To think he had not played for England since February 2024 because of doubts over his fitness and attitude.

He was actually omitted for the Third Test against New Zealand in June on merit. Or supposedly on merit. He missed the other Test injured.

Robinson's method is simple – aim at the stumps, with a touch of movement, a hint of bounce and normally these days with the wicketkeeper standing up.

It is proving deadly and he now has 99 wickets at 19.53 across his Test career.

Of course, there are easy pickings against this Pakistan team, who have yet to score 200 in four attempts.

Although left-hander Saud Shakeel played their innings of the series with a superb 97.

Captain Root said: "Ollie is bowling beautifully – he's been relentless – and a good contrast to the three 90mph bowlers at the other end.

"I'm not sure they realise how good they can be. These guys have a chance to create their own legacy."

Robinson added: "I've worked hard on my skills and fitness and I'm looking forward to trying to improve more once the series has finished."

England's final three second-innings wickets added 31 runs before Robinson and Co were unleashed.

Within the blink of an eye Pakistan were 14-3 in their second innings, with Robinson nibbling the ball both ways to nail Azan Awais lbw and bowl Abdullah Shafique.

Jofra Archer produced a brute that captain Babar Azam spooned to third slip.

Then, almost out of nowhere, Shakeel and Shan Masood put on 97 for the fourth wicket.

Shakeel was playing shots, Masood mainly defending.

Masood was lbw to Robinson after a review and Mohammad Rizwan was also leg before. Ali Usman dragged on to Archer and Shakeel, after a couple of legside sixes, holed out to deep backward square three short of a century.

Josh Tongue collected a couple of late wickets and opener Imam-ul-Haq was again absent due to a calf injury.

The victory in the First Test at Headingley appeared to draw a line under recent chaos before Brydon Carse was handcuffed outside a Derby bar.

Let's hope for no scandal before the summer's final Test starts at Edgbaston a week on Wednesday.

Root added: "It's hard to win Tests so it's important to celebrate but also be sensible."

BANK OLLIE-DAY WEEKEND . . . Robinson appeals for a wicket in yesterday's 4-24

SCOREBOARD

Second Test
England v Pakistan
(Day 4)

LORD'S: England beat Pakistan by 194 runs

ENGLAND: First Innings 290
(Smith 61, Cox 55, Abbas 4-73)

PAKISTAN: First Innings 110
(Robinson 4-11)

ENGLAND: Second Innings
(Overnight 177-7)

D Lawrence b Abbas 54
O Robinson c Rizwan b Abbas 8
J Archer not out 2
J Tongue run out 12
B4 lb4 w5 nb4 17
Total (54.2 overs) 208

Fall: 1, 13, 60, 83, 128, 149, 162, 186, 187.

Bowling: Abbas 22-3-57-5, Shahzad 14-3-56-2, Ali 16.2-1-70-2, Usman 2-0-17-0.

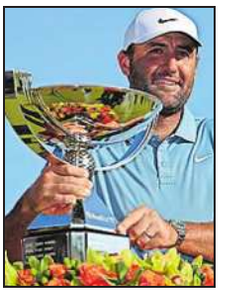
PAKISTAN: Second Inns

S Masood lbw Robinson 26
A Awais lbw Robinson 6
A Shafique b Robinson 0
B Azam c Cox b Archer 6
S Shakeel c Brook b Tongue 97
M Rizwan lbw Robinson 1
A Usman b Archer 16
K Shahzad b Tongue 9
M Abbas not out 13
M Ali c Brook b Tongue 8
B4 lb6 w1 nb1 12
Total (50.5 overs) 194

Fall: 7, 7, 14, 111, 115, 146, 169, 176, 194.

Bowling: Robinson 14-5-24-4, Archer 15-1-73-2, Tongue 8.5-1-46-3, Atkinson 11-2-41-0, Lawrence 2-2-0-0.

Umpires: A Paleker & P Reiffel.



PRIZE GUY . . . Scheffler win

Scottie's well Fed

By JACOB MIGNANO

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER stormed from three shots back to win the Tour Championship and a second FedEx Cup.

The world No1 shot a final-round 66 to finish on 16 under at East Lake.

That saw the American go three clear of overnight leader Viktor Hovland and clinch the £7.4million end-of-season jackpot.

Just days ago Scheffler, 30, struggled to even grip a club after battling hand, foot and mouth disease at the BMW Championship.

Norwegian Hovland, winner here in 2023, started the day on 15 under but a frustrating two-over 72 left him in second place.

Three-time winner Rory McIlroy finished in a share of fourth at 11 under.

Justin Rose enjoyed the moment of the final round with a slam dunk hole-in-one at the 208-yard ninth.

Meanwhile, JOE DEAN shot a stunning 63 to claim a fairytale first DP World Tour win at the British Masters.

The 32-year-old former Morrisons delivery driver carded NINE birdies at The Belfry and said: "I couldn't do anything wrong."

Short

AMY HUNT won her first race since becoming a four-time European champ on August 16. The Brit took the 100 metres title at the Grand Prix Brescia, Italy, in 11.06sec.

SHORT

Chris up for 'Cup'

CHRIS WAKELIN is looking forward to eating buns and sinking tons this week at snooker's FA Cup.

Cheltenham racecourse hosts the Unibet British Open — the only pro event where the draw is done before each round, so nobody knows their route to the final.

Wakelin, 34, who plays 2023 world champion Luca Brecel in round one tonight, said: "Cheltenham is absolutely incredible.

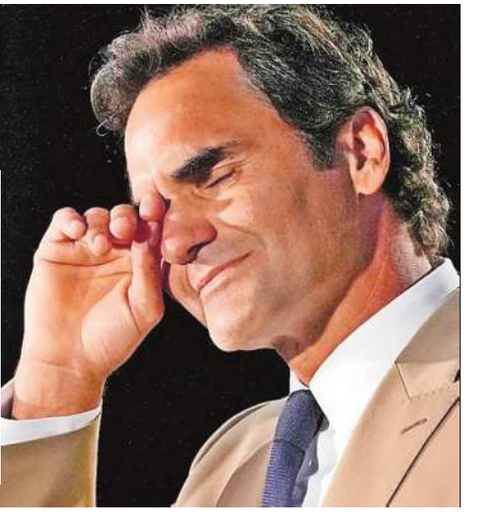
"One of the top three things I've ever eaten is a cinnamon bun from Moran's Eating House. I make a beeline there."

The Rugby potter added: "The FA Cup-style format of the draw, not too many look at that too fondly.

"It's a unique tournament that brings some interesting clashes."

TWINNING FORMULA . . . Federers with gong

ROGER 'N OUT



ROGER FEDERER'S wife revealed he considered quitting 17 years ago when their first set of twins were born — as he was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

The Swiss maestro, who retired in 2022, was recognised by his peers at a glitzy, star-studded ceremony in Rhode Island on Saturday.

Federer, 45, won 20 Grand Slam singles titles, 103 ATP events and spent a combined 310 weeks as the world No1.

The tennis legend has four kids with wife Mirka — twin girls Myla and Charlene, born in July 2009, and twin boys Leo and Lenny, who arrived in May 2014.

Mirka said: "Tennis was never what impressed me the most — the man behind it all is even more remarkable.

From ROB MAUL

"When I found out we were expecting twins for the first time, I told Roger my travelling days were probably over.

"Without missing a beat, he said: 'Then I won't play anymore'. He wasn't being dramatic. He meant it. That's who Roger is. His family comes first.

"Fortunately we found another solution and that involved babies, strollers, toys, books and eventually two sets of twins travelling all over the world with us."

Federer, who wiped away tears as his wife spoke *(right)*, said: "This is one of the greatest honours of my life."

US OPEN

Not Toby denied

SAMUEL 1ST SLAM WIN

TOBY SAMUEL netted his biggest payday as his US Open debut started with a first Grand Slam match win.

This breakthrough summer keeps getting better for the Winchester Rifle, who smashed down 135mph serves to blow away Czech opponent Tomas Machac.

Qualifier Samuel, 23, appeared at both this year's French Open and Wimbledon after qualifying for the main draw in Paris and then handed a wildcard at SW19.

This was a fourth win in a row at Flushing Meadows, following three in qualifying, and by making the second round he has guaranteed himself a whopping £140,000 from the New York trip.

The Hampshire lad *(above)* punched the air in delight as he celebrated a 6-2 6-3 6-2 win in 90 minutes on Court 10.

With his backwards baseball cap and a bushy brown goatee, the former University of South Carolina student looks right at home in the Big Apple.

Southampton fan Samuel said: "Pretty tired but otherwise I'm so happy to have got the job done.

"I played a great match — I'm just so thankful for everyone who's supported me to this moment and, hopefully, I can carry on this week.

"The first two sets, I wasn't missing any balls, I was feeling amazing and then at the start of the third, I knew he'd come out a little stronger.

"I have to be prepared to fight and be a bit tougher, but I'm going to do everything I can to get ready.

From ROB MAUL in New York

"I had a few of my college mates from Carolina come down here.

"I was so grateful they were able to come down and give me the fight and energy needed to get the job done."

Samuel will now face Machac's fellow countryman Jiri Lehecka, the No18 seed, in round two.

Thunder-thighed Machac is 58th on the ATP list but has been as high as 20th in the world — and was the winner of the Adelaide title in January.

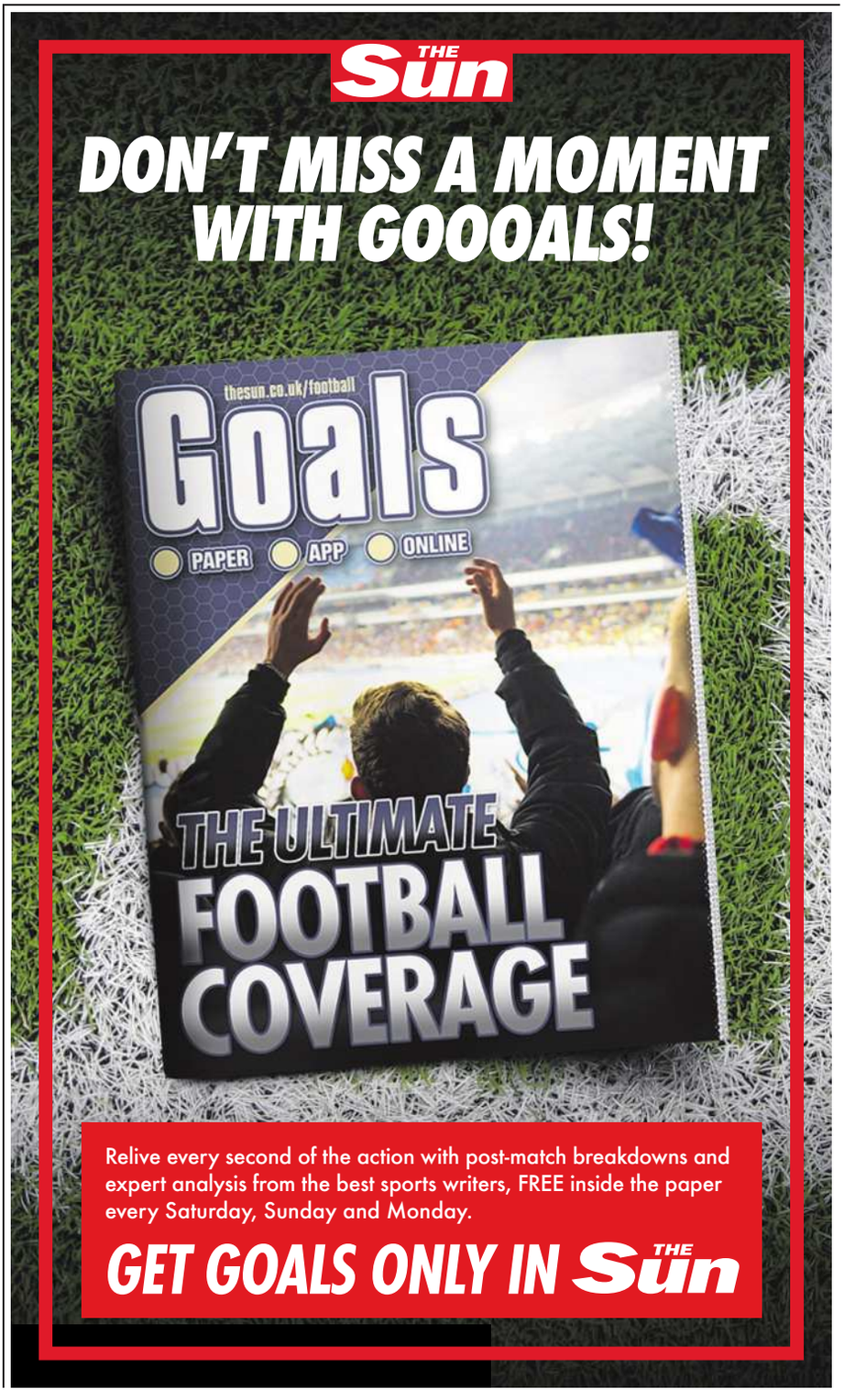
The Central European is no mug, so this was an impressive win for Samuel, who has broken into the world's top 100 for the first time.

CAMERON NORRIE'S miserable year continued as he bombed out of the first round, losing 6-7 6-2 6-2 6-3 to Belgian-born Frenchman Luca Van Assche.

It is the third time in a row that 31-year-old Brit Norrie has gone out in the first round of a Slam, following his injury withdrawal in Paris and then five-set loss at Wimbledon.

In fact, the only racquet competition he has won this year was the padel contest he staged between pals on his Jultu stag do on Ibiza.

And he may wish to put his tennis racquets to one side for a bit before focusing on next month's two-day Davis Cup tie against Ecuador at London's Copper Box Arena.



BOXING IT'S HEAVYWEIGHT

RIAKPORHE . . . concerned

It's 'scary' fit up job for Moses

EXCLUSIVE
By WALLY DOWNES Jr

BRITISH heavyweight champ Richard Riakporhe reckons Moses Itauma's faulty fitness was 'scary'.

Londoner Riakporhe's VIP seat was close to Itauma's corner for the world title defeat to Filip Hrgovic.

The 21-year-old Kent southpaw, who had dominated the 34-year-old Croat, was carried out on a stretcher after tiredness hit in the ninth.

Former cruiserweight Riakporhe, 36, said: "Even from round three, he looked like he was gassing out. This is where you have to ensure you have the best strength and conditioning coaches.

"Heavyweight boxing is completely different to anything else, it's like another sport. When I moved up I changed my whole team.

"You have to be ready to go the full 12 rounds every time. It's scary what I saw in his corner. His mouth was wide open from round four.

"It's crazy that he never sparred the full 12 rounds.

"I bring in sparring partners who give me the toughest work. My body is aching all over but I am so grateful for it as you visualise those tough moments. You can't just empty the tank."

VOW

From Back Page

the arena — you guys made it a little more social and electrifying than I even expected. It was a f*ing good fight."**

And after thanking his Queensberry promoter Frank Warren and broadcasting partners, Itauma vowed: "I will be back."

Warren will relish the chance to rebuild his prodigy's confidence and career, like he did with fellow Brit Daniel Dubois after his shock 2020 loss to Joe Joyce.

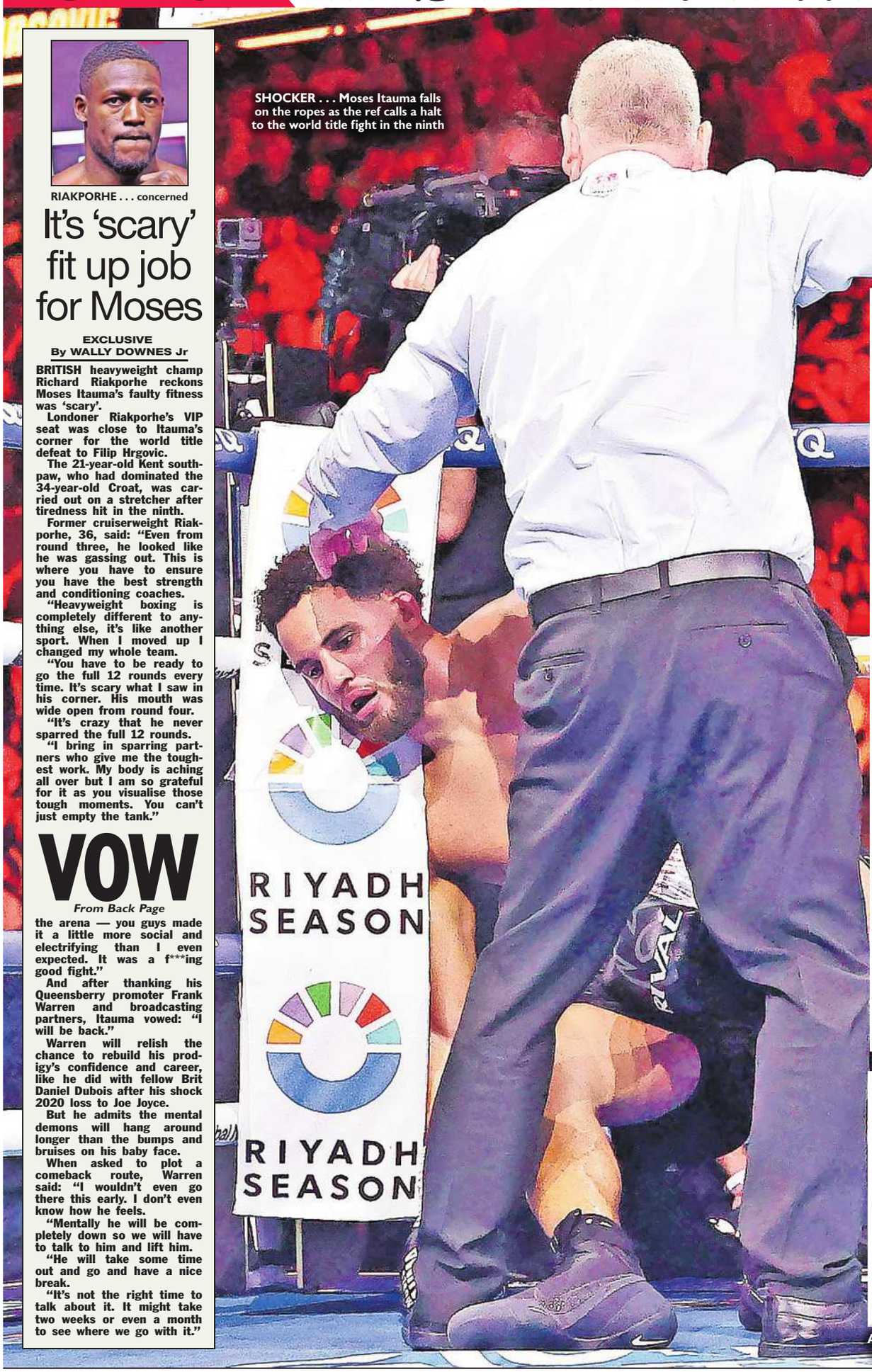
But he admits the mental demons will hang around longer than the bumps and bruises on his baby face.

When asked to plot a comeback route, Warren said: "I wouldn't even go there this early. I don't even know how he feels.

"Mentally he will be completely down so we will have to talk to him and lift him.

"He will take some time out and go and have a nice break.

"It's not the right time to talk about it. It might take two weeks or even a month to see where we go with it."



SHOCKER . . . Moses Itauma falls on the ropes as the ref calls a halt to the world title fight in the ninth

By WALLY DOWNES Jr

MOSES ITAUMA'S hype train has been derailed — and nobody saw the signals warning of danger.

The 21-year-old was rightly tipped to race away with the world heavyweight title belts, mainstream attention and public adulation that Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury are about to leave behind.

But on Saturday against Filip Hrgovic, in a clash for the red and gold IBF belt both these British icons once held, the Kent kid's high-speed dreams came hurtling off the tracks.

After seven superb rounds, in which he showed off a sublime catalogue of combinations, his legs and lungs betrayed him at the end of the eighth.

The 60-second interval and final pep talk from trainer Ben Davison was not enough to save him and Itauma – while still stoically upright in his Nike boots – took a brutal beating before referee Howard Foster dived in as the towel was thrown from his corner.

In worrying scenes, the 6ft 3in powerhouse was carried out of the ring at London's O_2 Arena on a stretcher and taken to hospital.

Laying prostrate on that yellow gurney – just moments after he seemed nailed on to take over the combat sport world – his eyes were closed and he was holding the hand of a medic.

Thankfully he was discharged in the early hours of yesterday morning and spent the day recuperating with his close-knit family back in Chatham.

So many signs are still there that he is a superstar with all the skills and shots to take over the heavyweight division.

Classy Hrgovic purred about the Slovakia-born kid's potential and anointed him a guaranteed future star but Croatia's first heavyweight world champion also admitted he knew from the fourth round that the Brit's engine was empty.

Should a 21-year-old professional athlete be so exhausted from seven such one-sided rounds?

Had he been in a slugfest of the sort associated with legendary champions Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns in the 1980s, then a drastic dip would have been more than expected.

But he had boxed brilliantly for the entire first half of the fight, with Hrgovic dropped and then cut before Itauma had even seemed to break a sweat.

A clue might come from a talkSPORT YouTube clip filmed in the build-up to the show. When asked how many times

AS THE CRO FLIES . . . Hrgovic catches Itauma with a right as it starts to turn Croatian's way

HEARTACHE FOR BRIT

HYPE SWIPE

But Itauma can get back on track

CHAMPION . . . Filip Hrgovic with the IBF world heavyweight title belt

he had boxed 12 solid sparring rounds in training – after 14 professional fights across 3½ years – he calmly revealed: "If I am completely honest, I don't know if I have done a 12-round spar. I might have but I don't really recall."

Showing his trademark maturity and self-awareness, he knew he was pulling back the curtain to a potential problem.

He added: "I am about to get slaughtered in the comments.

"But there is no need to be in the ring longer than I need to be. Whether I knock Filip Hrgovic out in the first or the last, I am going to get paid the same."

Sadly the way Itauma's sculpted 17st 3lb frame wilted under the lights – after less than half an hour of hard work – is exactly why he should have been regularly going the distance in practice bouts.

The modern sports science of the noble art means nobody expects super prospects to be burning themselves out in brutal unpaid sparring sessions anymore.

But it seems crazy he was not regularly doing a dozen championship rounds with a mix of three or four brave amateurs.

Or even with seasoned contenders doing a handful of light rounds each, just to prepare his lungs and legs for what turned out to be an inevitable and insurmountable challenge. Thankfully there is a blueprint for the rebuild.

In 2004, a 23-year-old cruiserweight talent called David Haye picked 40-year-old veteran Carl Thompson to become his 11th victim.

But the red-hot favourite was stunned in the fifth round and saved by the referee while swaying dangerously on what looked stilt-like legs.

Following a shake-up, Haye was the world champion just three years later and became a heavyweight king and millionaire by 2009.

However, unlike Itauma, Haye left the Wembley Arena that night on his own two feet and shared a post-fight interview with his conqueror on the apron, with his senses fully restored.

Three-weight world champion Duke McKenzie was on Sky Sports commentary that night but 12 years earlier he was in a situation much more similar to Itauma's.

In the very opening session of his bantamweight world title defence, McKenzie was knocked spark out by Puerto Rican Rafael Del Valle and needed emergency medical attention.

The Londoner said that that experience changes a fighter – and a man – for the rest of their days, in **AND** out of the ring.

McKenzie said: "When you are knocked out in a fight, as I have been, and when you are stretched out in a world title fight, as I have been, it crushes you emotionally.

"Now you start to question yourself. Am I really that good? Was I ever that good? Should I have believed the hype?

"All of these alarm bells start ringing."

Respected Doncaster heavyweight Dave Allen – by his own modest admission at the other end of the ability and achievement scale – was irrevocably changed by his dangerous 2019 loss to David Price when he also needed a gurney to rush him from the ropes to hospital.

Allen said: "It's the ending. Going out on a stretcher, I had that at the O_2 myself and I was never the same fighter after.

"It's scary, he will be scared because he was knackered and he's a young man.

"He has all the ability in the world but a 21-year-old going through that is scary."

Now Itauma is home and surrounded by his brothers and the rest of his family and that initial fright has faded.

Hopefully British fight fans will see his unquestionable ability overcome this first haunting obstacle of what should still be an incredible career which sees him reach the very pinnacle of his sport.

ROUND-BY-ROUND PUNCH STATS

ITAUMA Punches	ITAUMA Landed	ITAUMA % Landed	Source: CompuBox	HRGOVIC Punches	HRGOVIC Landed	HRGOVIC % Landed
53	19	36%	Round 1	28	5	18%
41	24	59%	Round 2	41	3	7%
36	11	31%	Round 3	38	9	24%
37	18	49%	Round 4	27	6	22%
39	15	39%	Round 5	39	14	36%
54	22	41%	Round 6	51	11	22%
39	11	28%	Round 7	38	7	18%
65	26	40%	Round 8	20	6	30%
52	17	33%	Round 9	64	29	45%
416	163	39%	TOTAL	346	90	26%

BIG PUNCH . . . Itauma's fist smashes Hrgovic

A write disaster

myView

By WALLY DOWNES JR
who was ringside for this classic

MOSES ITAUMA'S punch-perfect start was making our jobs at ringside so easy — just like Anthony Joshua had before a similar disaster.

Ever since Tyson Fury and AJ edged the wrong side of 30 a few years ago, British boxing fans and journalists worried about our futures.

A rematch between Fabio Wardley, 31, and WBO heavyweight champ Daniel Dubois, 28, would fill a gap.

The October 17 date for their fight was revealed just before Itauma's IBF battle with Filip Hrgovic.

But it was Itauma's thrilling career path we expected to keep us off the dole queue for the next decade – and away from silly sports like golf.

Ringside visits from Luke Littler and Noel Gallagher proved the 21-year-old's reach had burst out of boxing's niche bubble.

We would not need to beg our bosses for more column inches or our girlfriends for permission to follow his career.

So the sense of dread that silenced the O_2 press row – as Itauma started to sag and slump at the end of round eight and start of the ninth – was visceral.

Being at the opposite side of the ring to his blue corner – and using the 60-second breaks to type up the breathless action – SunSport did not immediately spot his physical decline.

DAZN pundit Carl Frampton had seen it from round two with Hrgovic's trainer Abel Sanchez highlighting it after the fourth. It was not until the final moments of the eighth that Kent-based Itauma's cardiovascular system abandoned him.

The heavy hands that had peppered Hrgovic for the previous 25 minutes were suddenly glued to his waist.

The tree-trunk legs he had previously sprung around were now betraying him.

To his credit, Itauma never took a knee, he never looked to the crowd or his corner for much-needed help.

He bit down on his gumshield, dug his toes into the canvas and swung for the rafters.

But the writing was splattered on the North Greenwich walls in the red-and-white check of Hrgovic, Croatia's first-ever heavyweight world champion.

It felt similar to the June 2019 New York night when Joshua was supposed to poleaxe Mexican porker Andy Ruiz and set up an undisputed decider with Deontay Wilder.

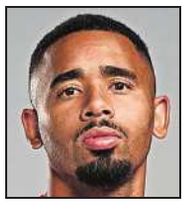
Joshua made a dream start, dropping the challenger. But we overlooked the underdog, underplayed the long shot and AJ's reign was derailed.

The shock means we lost our professionalism with gasps and groans as undefended blows rained down on our heroes – then and now.

Joshua rebuilt inside six months, abetted by Ruiz's decision to scoff himself out of contention to win a rematch.

If the soul-sapping pain of being carried out of the O_2 on a stretcher does not dim Itauma's hunger, we look forward to covering the comeback that always overshadows the setback.

Sense of dread on press row was visceral



JESUS . . . medical today

Jesus on his way to Barca

By ALEX McCARTHY

BARCELONA have made a shock move to sign Arsenal's Gabriel Jesus.

The forward, 29, is set to have a medical with the Catalans today after a fee of £8.6million was agreed.

It is a plot twist as the two clubs battle for Atletico Madrid's £100m-rated striker Julian Alvarez.

Argentine Alvarez, 26, has made it clear he wants to leave Diego Simeone's side.

Barca are his preferred club but Atletico have been unwilling to do business with their LaLiga rivals.

And Arsenal are understood to be willing to stump up the cash if they get the nod from the former Manchester City star.

However, that has so far failed to arrive — with Alvarez telling boss Mikel Arteta he does not want to come to the Emirates.

Barca have already lost Robert Lewandowski and Ferran Torres recently.

So the move for Jesus is not expected to signal the end of their Alvarez pursuit.

Brazilian Jesus hit the ground running after his £45m move from Manchester City in 2022, but two knee injuries derailed his Arsenal career.

He still managed 123 appearances, scoring 23 times. His contract expires next summer.

Jesus was left out of the Gunners squad for the victories over Manchester City and Coventry.

Arteta said at the time: "It is something to do with the numbers that we have in the squad."

Gab-bye Emirates

GABRIEL MARTINELLI is on the brink of joining Al-Hilal with a deal worth over £55million agreed.

The Arsenal winger, 25, left training early last week amid speculation over his future and has been left out of Mikel Arteta's first two squads.

After spending £184.5m this summer the Emirates outfit are keen to boost their bank balance.

Martinelli is now set to link up at the Saudi club with Ollie Watkins, 30, who has joined in a £51m deal from Aston Villa.

Arsenal are still keen to add reinforcements.

Top target Vinicius Jr turned down a move to stay at Real Madrid while interest in Juventus forward Kenan Yildiz, 21, has been scuppered by injury.

Meanwhile, Hamburg are in talks to sign Gunners midfielder Fabio Vieira, 26, for £7.7m after he spent last season there on loan.

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CHAMPING AT THE BIT . . . Arsenal's Kai Havertz weaves his way through a pack of defenders as the Prem champions prepare for tonight's trip to Villa

MIK: SQUAD HELP US!

MIKEL ARTETA has been "begging" Premier League chiefs to expand matchday squads for the "welfare of players".

Rules currently allow managers to name nine substitutes on the bench, an increase from the seven permitted before the Covid-19 pandemic.

But Arteta *(left)* wants the Prem to increase that so he does not have to leave anyone at home.

The Arsenal boss, whose side go to Aston Villa tonight, has had to omit stars like Gabriel Martinelli and Gabriel Jesus from his matchday squad this season and feels it leads to a number of issues. That duo are now set to leave.

Arteta said: "That's why

By JOSHUA HALL

I have been begging the Premier League to extend those numbers just for the welfare of the players, which is the most important thing.

"I think every squad needs more than 20 outfield players, ideally, to sustain the level of demand in international games that we have.

"But these are the rules, and within the rules we have to play.

"We need to be very close to the players to explain those situations in the right way, for everybody to feel important, because they will be."

The Gunners chief revealed last week that Jesus was not part of Arsenal training because of the "numbers in the squad".

And Arteta does not want to continue having "tough" conversations with players who would rather be with the squad than at home.

He added: "More than anybody, the question has to be to the players.

"What do they want? If they say, 'No, I prefer to stay at home', then we have an issue because then they don't love what they do.

"But I'm sure if you ask players, everybody would like to be part of the squad on matchday.

"Otherwise, you have to tell someone they aren't even part of the matchday squad. That's really, really tough. And it doesn't help anybody.

"It doesn't help the club, doesn't help the valuation of the player and doesn't help them to feel part of it.

"In my opinion, it is a real issue with a really, really simple solution."

VILLA v ARSENAL

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LOOK OF EM

Ex-boss Unai impressed by Gunners

UNAI EMERY has tipped Arsenal to deliver a famous double this season — and claims he loves watching his former team.

By CHARLIE WYETT

Mikel Arteta takes the Prem champions to Emery's Aston Villa tonight, with the Gunners strong favourites to retain their crown.

They beat Coventry 3-0 in the season opener, while Villa, who have sold a string of top players, were battered 4-0 by Brighton.

Spaniard Emery, 54, spent just 18 months at the Emirates before being sacked in November 2019.

And he said: "Arsenal are the favourites. Looking at the team, with Arteta there seven years in a row, they are getting better and better and investing more and more.

"They are getting bigger and bigger as a club with the players they can sign.

"Arteta is doing a fantastic job and Arsenal are the favourites to win the Premier League and the Champions League.

"I am so happy to see how we are going to respond on the field. I like watching them a lot."

Meanwhile, Emery *(right)* says Villa want to "kill" Chelsea this season — and claims the two clubs do not have a special relationship.

Incredibly, the clubs have agreed **FOUR** high-profile deals in just the last five weeks, with Nicolas Jackson's club-record £65million arrival at Villa Park the latest.

Winger Alejandro Garnacho, 22, has also arrived on loan from Stamford Bridge.

Going the other way are England forward Morgan Rogers, 24, for a British record £117m and Argentina's 2022 World Cup-winning keeper Emi Martinez, 33, in a £7.5m switch.

Emery admitted: "They want to kill us and we want to kill them.

"We have good players and we can sign a good player from them, but it is not a good relationship. It is a deal for players.

"They are signing Morgan, they are signing Emi to kill us.

"I am happy for Morgan and Emi but I am not happy for Chelsea."

Emery is hoping Senegal international striker Jackson, 25, will have been cleared to face Arsenal tonight. Villa are back in the Champions League after winning the Europa League — on top of last season's fourth-place Prem finish.

But Emery claims his team are continually overachieving.

He added: "We are not contenders to be in the top-seven positions.

"Our ambition is to be there but with the economic power, we are behind other teams.

"But we must be intelligent, be ambitious, try to do our best in the window — buying, selling.

"We are not contenders and we lost the first match, but I am positive and will continue to dream.

"We achieved our best season last season, because we won the Europa League and were fourth in the league. Next year? My idea is to improve."

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TOFFEES FANS IN HARRI WIN

'Riot' song sees move KO'd

By JACOB MIGNANO

EVERTON decided to call off Harrison Armstrong's transfer to Nottingham Forest after fans threatened to "riot" if the youngster was sold.

The Midlanders had a £40million bid accepted for the England Under-19 midfielder, regarded as one of the Toffees' brightest homegrown talents in years.

Supporters raged at the proposed deal during Saturday's 1–1 draw at Bournemouth.

The away end repeatedly chanted: "Don't sell Armstrong, Harrison Armstrong, I just don't think you understand . . .

"If you sell Armstrong, Harrison Armstrong, you're going to have a riot on your hands."

That led to Everton's board rejecting the bid, with chairman Dan Friedkin understood to have become personally involved.

It is thought that the club deem Armstrong important to the project given his value as a homegrown player.

Armstrong, 19, played 87 minutes on the South Coast as James Tarkowski rescued a late point for David Moyes' side.

Moyes later sympathised with fans and appeared to suggest the decision was out of his hands.

The Scot said: "I think you always have to consider supporters – they aren't always wrong. But then there are also times where I've had people at clubs who are really powerful and make difficult decisions.

"Managers have to make decisions on players sometimes and they feel like huge calls.

"But there are sometimes bigger decisions to be made and the club will, I'm sure, make what they think is the right one."

Moyes has been left frustrated by Everton's lack of transfer business this summer.

Hayden Hackney has arrived from Middlesbrough for £16.5m and Christian Norgaard from Arsenal for £7m.

Tyrique George and Merlin Rohl were signed permanently after loans last season, while Brennan Johnson came from Crystal Palace in a swap deal for Dwight McNeil.

Everton are still in talks with Manchester City to bring back Jack Grealish before tomorrow's deadline, most likely on another loan.

While the Merseyside club has explored a move for Fulham right-back Kenny Tete, who came close to joining last summer.

The Toffees have not yet brought in a replacement for former captain Seamus Coleman, who left as a free agent in June after 17 years at the club.

TARGET . . . Kenny Tete

Hil-joy Ollie's Villa farewell

OLLIE WATKINS has completed his £51million move to Saudi outfit Al-Hilal.

And Aston Villa immediately spent £25m of that by signing Southampton defender Taylor Harwood-Bellis, with the possibility of a further £5m in add-ons.

Watkins *(below)*, 30, said: "This club has been a massive part of my life on and off the pitch. Once a Villan always a Villan."

Harwood-Bellis, 24, will fill the gap left by Ezri Konsa's exit to Arsenal.

NEWS TICKER

WEST BROM have signed Manchester United midfielder Toby Collyer, 22, for £3million.

He spent the first half of last season on loan at Albion and agreed a four-year deal to become their ninth summer capture.

The move includes £5m in add-ons, a 40 per cent sell-on fee and a buy-back clause.

NEWCASTLE still hope to seal a deadline-day swoop for Lille star Matias Fernandez-Pardo.

If the £60million-rated Belgian attacker, 21, joins it could see Nick Woltemade leave Toon.

It is understood Juventus contacted the Magpies yesterday over a potential loan for the German.

OMARI HUTCHINSON is close to making a loan switch to AC Milan – with an option to leave Nottingham Forest permanently.

Former Ipswich winger Hutchinson, 22, is in Italy for a medical. Forest have loaned defender Tyler Bindon, 21, to Charlton.

£1.5m for fab Ab

JAMIE VARDY'S National League transfer record has been broken by Abdul Abdulmalik.

Swedish club Djurgardens are paying more than £1.5million for Boreham Wood's striker. It eclipses the £1m Vardy cost Leicester when he moved from fifth-tier Fleetwood in 2012.

Ex-Millwall youth player Abdulmalik, 23, went on strike to force the move. He bagged 17 goals and ten assists last season.

Abdulmalik *(left)* said: "I'm ready to prove I'm capable of reaching the top."

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best for the team and that's why we made the decision against Luton and today."

City look set to lodge a £100million opening bid for the Argentinian, who is valued at more than £120m by Chelsea.

Alonso admitted: "We are preparing for all scenarios. Whatever happens, we will have a good enough squad to compete in all of the Premier League games."

Saudi side Al-Hilal held talks with Portugal star Neto *(left)* but were put off by Chelsea's £100m asking price and are close to signing Arsenal's Gabriel Martinelli instead.

Winger Neto, 26, has been involved in all three games under Alonso and scored his first league goal of 2026 yesterday.

But Alonso was non-committal on his future.

He said: "In football, I don't confirm anything.

"But I was really happy with Pedro. He played with a lot of energy.

"He will be important for the team for the whole season because he has different qualities."

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than £300million on new recruits but still want to further bolster their forward line.

They have failed to score in their two Prem defeats to Brentford and Newcastle — plus had full-back Pedro Porro playing at right wing against the Toon.

SunSport understands there is some way to go for the moves to be done before tomorrow's deadline. But Ndiaye's arrival would excite Spurs fans.

He has 17 goals and four assists in 73 Everton games and could blend well with fellow new attackers Omar Marmoush and Savio.

The Senegal wideman turned down multiple offers of a Toffees extension but still has three years left on his deal.

Richarlison, who Spurs signed from Everton in a £60m deal in 2022, did not feature on Saturday.

After the Toon loss, boss Roberto De Zerbi revealed the Brazilian *(left)* — plus defender Kevin Danso and midfield ace Pape Matar Sarr — had asked to leave Spurs.

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FARKE . . . adapting

Dan fears a second coming

By LLOYD CANFIELD

DANIEL FARKE reckons Leeds need to be united to avoid a deadly case of second-season syndrome.

Many teams are promoted to the Premier League and survive the drop first time around.

But the German knows rival teams then become wise to them and they suffer relegation the next season.

Leeds snatched a late point against Brentford and boss Farke said: "Adaptability is going to be important, particularly in the second season when clubs are no doubt studying what we did last year.

"Very often a side comes in, plays one good season with tactical surprises like overlapping centre-backs, and then in the second season everyone is prepared, and you don't have a Plan B or Plan C.

"This club had its best times when it was united, and this is crucial.

"Hopefully, it will be possible to establish ourselves back in the top flight, and then hopefully one day we can also speak about the top half of the table.

> We're most passionate club in the country
> — DANIEL FARKE

"And then probably in a few years about Europe, and then back up the glory times of more than 30 years ago.

"But only once we are united and everyone is on the same page — that's what this club is at the moment.

"Even after a difficult first half the place felt calm because there is such a big belief.

"But I'm not sure it will ever be calm. I don't want it to be calm, we are the most passionate club in the whole country.

"You could feel there was even a confidence that we would find a way back and show our never-say-die attitude."

Farke's Leeds may need to emulate the Bees.

They have finished in the top ten in three of their five seasons since making it to the top flight.

But that success is largely down to excellent recruitment and mixing it up tactically each season.

MATCH STATS

LEEDS		BRENTFORD
12	SHOTS	22
2	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
47%	POSSESSION	53%
365	PASSES	420
278	COMPLETED PASSES	329
20	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	40
5	CORNERS	6
5	FOULS CONCEDED	13
0/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	4/0
MATCH TIME: 96m 22s		
BALL IN PLAY: 54m 32s		

YORKSHIRE HIT . . . Calvert-Lewin grabs Leeds' equaliser after Schade (below) had opened the scoring

RIDING THE EY-UPS 'N DOWNS

Dom keeps Leeds' fans cheerful after battering

By LLOYD CANFIELD

STRIKER Dominic Calvert-Lewin dragged Leeds to a point and kept the feel-good factor going at Elland Road.

Whites fans were named the Premier League's most optimistic coming into the season.

The Yorkshire faithful are dreaming of a European push after the club **TWICE** broke their transfer record to bring in defender Tarik Muharemovic for £34.1million and then keeper James Trafford in a deal worth £45m.

But it needed last year's freebie signing DCL to keep their undefeated start alive after they were thoroughly dominated by Brentford.

It was a stark reminder that there are absolutely no shortcuts when it comes to progress in the Prem.

This is the West Londoners' sixth campaign in the top flight since being promoted in 2021 and they only missed out on goal difference to Brighton for the play-off place to reach the Conference League.

That is exactly the position Leeds will be hoping to find themselves in next year, skipping a few seasons of the mid-table mediocrity show.

In that survey by The Athletic, 99 per cent of the fanbase said they were feeling hopeful ahead of the new season.

Yet the majority of this match felt like a brutal humbling that implied Leeds were still several years behind their opponents.

When the Bees lost boss Thomas Frank to Spurs last year, it seemed as though they would lose their wings and flutter back down to the Championship – the same way they perhaps should have when England striker Ivan Toney left for Saudi side Al-Ahli 12 months earlier.

Instead, just like when they smartly recruited Igor Thiago to replace Toney in 2024, they put their faith in Keith Andrews as boss and built a system that can compete with the best sides in the league.

Dangerous set-pieces, a solid keeper in Caoimhin Kelleher, and creative wingers with a lethal goal threat are the foundation of their success.

That was proven by a 3-0 win at home to Spurs on opening weekend and reinforced in West Yorkshire until Leeds finally fought back with a threat of their own.

The opening 20 minutes set the pace, with what was expected to be a back-and-forth clash dominated by the visitors. Former Manchester City stopper Trafford at least looked good value for money, making several stops to deny Igor and Mikkel Damsgaard to a chorus of 'England's No1' – which on this showing, perhaps he should be.

Daniel Farke's men were already clinging on to a draw after half an hour as they were being beaten all over the pitch.

A 34th-minute injury to Joe Rodon in Leeds' back three provided the impetus Brentford needed to capitalise on a bad moment for the hosts.

Seven minutes after the Welshman limped around the pitch to a standing ovation with a hamstring issue, Andrews' side pounced.

The ball was worked out to the left, where Keane Lewis-Potter delivered a low cross for Kevin Schade to turn it into the top right corner with the accuracy of a sniper.

The half-time introductions of Harry Wilson and Ao Tanaka attempted to breathe life into a team that could not catch a breath.

Slightly more possession and a few set-pieces failed to help the hosts muster anything to truly trouble Kelleher, with Calvert-Lewin starved of service and well-marshalled by the Brentford backline.

Speedy winger Daniel James spurned a glorious chance, blazing over after going clean through on Kelleher's goal.

Calvert-Lewin finally gave Leeds the kiss of life on 79 minutes, tapping into an empty net from Lukas Nmecha's cross. The teams traded places, with the hosts now applying unrelenting pressure.

It really should have ended in a Calvert-Lewin double and another three points for Leeds.

When the ball fell to the striker in the middle of the box, Elland Road held its breath as he shifted the ball on to his lethal right foot.

But a spectacular diving save from Kelleher denied him and saw the points shared and the relentless optimism live on.

HOW THEY LINED UP

LEEDS: Trafford, Muharemovic, Bijol (Tanaka 46), Rodon (Elvedi 34), Justin, Stach, Ampadu, Bogle (James 68), Okafor (Nmecha 69), Aaronson (Wilson 46), Calvert-Lewin. **BRENTFORD:** Kelleher, Lewis-Potter (Henry 88), Collins, Ajer, Kayode (Wilson 88), Janelt, Sangare, Schade (Hickey 88), Damsgaard (Yarmoliuk 69), Anthony (Ouattara 61), Thiago.

PREMIER LGE

MAN UNITED 5

FERNANDES 40, 61 (PEN), 68; GREAVES (OG) 56; MBEUMO 82

Turned out Brutiful

UNITED SINGING IN THE RAIN AS FERNANDES TREBLE LIFTS CLOUDS

FERNAN-TRES . . . skipper slams in a penalty to put the Red Devils 3-1 up

FOUR-MIDABLE . . . Fernandes taps in No4 for his hat-trick

MATCH STATS

MAN UTD		IPSWICH
33	SHOTS	9
11	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
60%	POSSESSION	40%
546	PASSES	359
488	COMPLETED PASSES	299
44	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	13
8	CORNERS	4
7	FOULS CONCEDED	12
1/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	3/0
	MATCH TIME: 100m 05s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 56m 32s	

THE Old Trafford fans left with a smile — ignoring the thunder, lightning and rain to see only blue skies and a bright season ahead.

A week after hell in Hull brought clouds of doubt, they were swept away again.

Manchester United's first win of the season was highlighted by a hat-trick for Bruno Fernandes.

No change there. But this was about more than just the captain.

In the midfield battleground, Kobbie Mainoo was the beating heart of the side, winning the ball and using it with endeavour.

Marcus Rashford, too, feels truly back in the fold, showing that 21 months out of the Red Devils ranks had not dulled the affection from the supporters.

Yes, United were the beneficiaries of a few huge slices of luck, especially the horror moments from Town defenders Marcelino Nunez and Jacob Greaves.

At the back, too, especially before Nunez's nightmare slip opened the way for Matheus Cunha to set up Fernandes to put Michael Carrick's team on terms, they were more a high-wire act than a defence.

Better teams than the Tractor Boys will plough through Carrick's rearguard – yet United are unlikely to replace Lisandro Martinez, Harry Maguire or Luke Shaw before tomorrow's transfer deadline.

By MARTIN LIPTON
CHIEF SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

But this was more about the way United capitalised on their good fortune, finally slipping through the gears to blow Gary O'Neil's Prem new boys away.

That second-half power-play saw three goals in the space of 12 minutes, turning a potentially sticky afternoon into a cakewalk.

Yes, it was only a quirk in the laws that saw the goal that put United ahead stand.

Harry Maguire, clearly but crucially accidentally, blocked Chuba Akpom's clearance with his hands, before firing at the target.

The ball was drifting wide, but diverted past keeper Kjell Scherpen off the heels of Greaves.

It made it an own goal, not one for the former England defender.

Rightly, Stockley Park told ref Craig Pawson the goal should stand.

That was the second big moment – and equally as important as the one that handed Fernandes his first five minutes before the break.

Indeed, Leif Davis' terrific half-volley, after Abdul Fatawu had embarrassed Shaw out wide, was the **THIRD** big chance for Ipswich, with the full-back missing another two minutes later.

But then Nunez slipped – United relaid the Old Trafford pitch this summer for the first time in 14 years – and Cunha pounced, racing forward before finding Fernandes for an unerring left-footed finish.

Parity, against the run of play. And from then on there was only really going to be one winner.

When Bryan Mbeumo somehow contrived to turn against the bar from three yards out with the goal begging – after Rashford bust a gut to get on the end of Diogo Dalot's cross – you wondered.

Not for long, though, and Maguire's moment of luck – and Greaves' misery – was decisive.

Almost instantly, it was effectively over, with Greaves again at the inadvertent centre of attention.

Not that the Town defender could complain when he clearly tripped Cunha, streaking away from Mainoo's clever pass.

There was no doubt about Pawson's decision, nor about Fernandes' spot-kick finish, sending Scherpen

29 BRUNO FERNANDES' hat-trick was the 29th in the Prem at Old Trafford — 28 for United — level with Anfield, with only the Etihad Stadium seeing more Prem trebles (32).

MOST PREM OWN GOALS IN FAVOUR

80	79	75	70	64

54 IPSWICH have gone 1-0 up in 54 per cent of their Prem meetings with Man United (7/13) — only Sheffield United and Brighton (both 56 per cent) have done so at a higher rate.

IPSWICH 2

DAVIS 29; AKPOM 90

GIVES IT FER WHACK . . . United skipper Bruno Fernandes capitalises on a mistake to blast his side level

FLASHPOINT . . . ball hits Maguire on his arms

STAND 'N DELIVER . . . defender's goal is given after Greaves' deflection

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Hull	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Chelsea	2	2	0	0	7	5	6
Brentford	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Newcastle	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Everton	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Leeds	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Brighton	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Man Utd	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Sunderland	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Ipswich	2	1	0	1	4	6	3
Liverpool	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Bournemouth	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Nottm Forest	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Fulham	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Aston Villa	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Coventry	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Crystal Palace	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Tottenham	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

MARK HALSEY
The Whistleblower

MANCHESTER UNITED went 2-1 up through an own goal by Jacob Greaves — but it hit Harry Maguire's hand in the build-up.

The United defender's arms are in a natural position and it's an accidental handball before he gets his shot away.

Now, because the ball deflects off Greaves for an own goal and Maguire isn't the scorer, the goal stands.

If he had shot directly into the net, it would have been disallowed for an accidental handball.

Some will say the law's an ass. But it was correct to allow the goal, which was given on-field and reviewed by VAR.

Greaves was involved again minutes later when Matheus Cunha goes through and he brought him down.

It was a clear penalty. Greaves was cautioned, not sent off, because he made a genuine attempt to play the ball.

the wrong way. United were off the bridle, playing with poise and purpose, even as the heavens opened.

Rashford *(below)* was denied a goal by Scherpen but he was involved in the fourth.

His run ended in a Mainoo shot that was blocked by Greaves – having one of those days – into Mbeumo's path.

Mbeumo's effort deflected off Davis and allowed Fernandes the simple task of rolling the ball home.

Ipswich had no answers as the hosts kept on coming.

Fernandes went close from the halfway line, Cunha was denied from much closer range, before the fifth finally came eight minutes from the end.

This time the home skipper played over the top and Mbeumo was away and clear, looping over the advancing keeper.

The ball struck the bar again but this time span on and over the line, although Greaves ended up firing into his own net in any event as he frantically tried to clear.

Rashford and Mainoo, deservedly, received standing ovations as they left the pitch with ten minutes to go.

United fans have always loved paying tribute to local heroes, especially when they have had to redeem tarnished reputations.

There could have been a sixth, too, from Patrick Dorgu, although it was Ipswich who had the final word, as those first-half defensive deficiencies from United were exposed in stoppage time.

Martinez dillied and dallied, allowing Julio Enciso to rob him before teeing up Akpom for a tap-in consolation.

It did not matter too much and the home supporters were in the mood to rejoice, not point fingers of recrimination.

For them, again, all seems right with the world. This was fun.

Gaffer Carrick, perhaps, may realise that there is plenty still to do.

Yet wins like this make it easier to demand more and better.

Football dressing rooms are full of receptive ears when the players inside them taste success.

HOW THEY LINED UP

MAN UTD: Lammens, Dalot (Yoro 74), Maguire, Martinez, Shaw (Mazraoui 73), Tielemans, Mainoo (Santos 80), Mbeumo, Fernandes, Rashford (Dorgu 80), Cunha (Sesko 80).

IPSWICH: Scherpen, O'Shea, Diop, Greaves, Davis, Lukic (Ouattara 73), Nunez (Palacios 62), Fatawu (McAteer 83), Enciso, Maeda (Furlong 73), Emersonn (Akpom 46).

Mbeumo scored this cracker but missed this sitter!

THE LIFE OF BRYAN . . . superb lob (top) after absolute howler

33 UNITED had 33 attempts on goal — their most in a Prem game since October 2016, when they had 36 in a goalless home draw with Burnley.

NEXT GAMES
SUN 2PM Premier League Everton (away)
FRI 8PM Premier League Liverpool (home)

BALEBA . . . new signing

HERO

From Back Page

massive. I said before the game, there are certain days you feel pressure.

"We have to do it in both ways, when we lose we can't get carried away with the negative things."

Boss Michael Carrick also hailed the returning Marcus Rashford as "like a new signing" — with the attacker given a rousing reception when he was subbed off late on.

Rashford was sharp on his first United start since December 1, 2024 and chief executive Omar Berrada all but confirmed the 28-year-old would stay in his programme notes.

Carrick said: "I'm really pleased with Marcus.

"I'm sure it was nice for him to be back and starting games here and enjoying being involved in a good performance.

"I thought he did well in not easy circumstances, particularly as the game was going through the cycle. And then second half, it all clicked.

"So, I thought he did very good all-round and he'll only get better."

With a departure for Rashford highly unlikely before tomorrow's 11pm transfer deadline, Carrick is pleased to have the academy graduate as another attacking option.

Marcus is one of our own, living his dream
– MICHAEL CARRICK

The former Old Trafford midfielder, 45, added: "He's adding to the group for sure. It's obvious.

"He's one of our own, you know. He's living his dream, playing here and trying to be successful.

"So, whatever's gone on — it's always about what you do next and what your intentions are.

"He's been fantastic since he came back and it was great to see him on the pitch today for us."

Carrick was cagey on further incomings and insisted he was "pleased" with Youri Tielemans, Andrey Santos and Carlos Baleba joining in a much-needed £155million midfield rebuild.

But he added: "We're always open if there's something else, so I wouldn't shut that down."

United have eyed a left-back to challenge Luke Shaw, 31, who admitted "I'm angry with myself" after being beaten too easily by Abdul Fatawu for Ipswich's shock opener.

Newcastle's Lewis Hall was a top target but new boss Matthias Jaissle said there was "no chance" of the England ace leaving.

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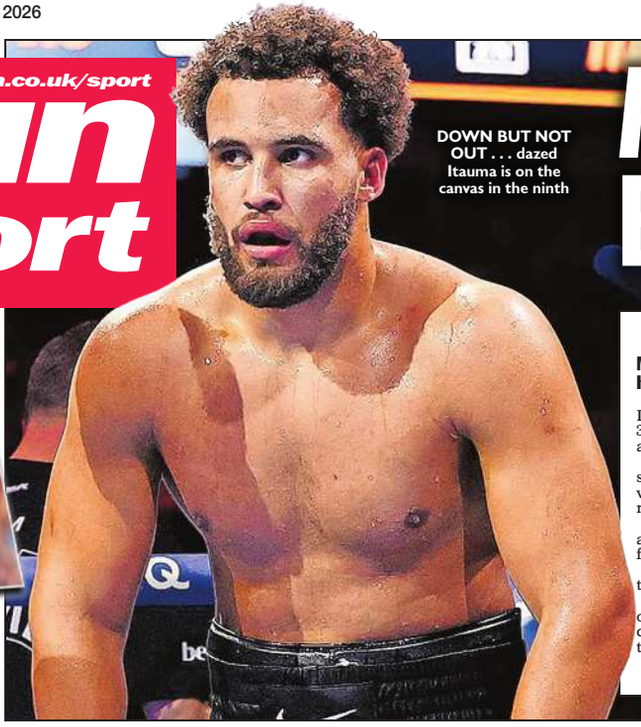
DOWN BUT NOT OUT . . . dazed Itauma is on the canvas in the ninth

MOSES: I'LL BE BACK...

By WALLY DOWNES Jr

MOSES ITAUMA vowed to bounce back from his "f*ing good fight" with Filip Hrgovic.**

The 21-year-old superstar ran out of gas in his IBF world heavyweight title clash with the 34-year-old Croatian at London's O_2 on Saturday and was carried away on a stretcher.

After a brief hospital visit, the Kent southpaw spent yesterday with his family and posted a video to the fans he credited with making his near-miss coronation a sensational showdown.

With no dark glasses to mask the bruises around his face after the ninth-round stoppage, fearless Itauma said: "Yesterday was not my night.

"We attempted greatness but we fell short to the more experienced man.

"I want to say congratulations to Filip Hrgovic on his win. And although I didn't reach my desired outcome, I believe I gained experience to take into my future fights.

"I want to thank the fans inside and outside of

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No1 RACING PULLOUT FREE INSIDE

FERNANDEZ . . . axed

Nearing the Enz

By JACK ROSSER

CHELSEA are braced for a DOUBLE departure after Enzo Fernandez was again dropped from their squad.

Midfielder Fernandez, 25, is pushing to join Manchester City before tomorrow's deadline.

And Pedro Neto's future is also in doubt despite scoring in yesterday's 4-3 win over Brighton.

Asked if Fernandez had played his last Blues game, boss Xabi Alonso said: "We'll see. We want the

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NDIAYE . . . Spurs target

Ndeal in pipeline

By TOM BARCLAY

TOTTENHAM have reached an agreement in principle to sign Iliman Ndiaye from Everton — with Richarlison set to go the other way.

The blockbuster switch late in the window would see two separate transfers rather than a swap.

Ndiaye, 26, has been of interest to Manchester City but they aim to seal a switch for Liverpool's Cody Gakpo — who has been on Tottenham's radar.

Spurs have spent more

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MAN UTD 5 IPSWICH 2

UP FER IT

Hat-trick hero Bruno hails a 'massive' win

GIVING HIS SIDE A LIFT . . . hat-trick hero Fernandes inspired United against Ipswich to erase memories of last week's shock loss at Hull

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST

BRUNO FERNANDES' hat-trick sealed a "massive" win for Manchester United over Ipswich to back up his PFA award.

The captain, 31, scored three in 28 minutes either side of the break as the Red Devils banished the ghosts of their Hull humbling.

It was his third United hat-trick and marked their first five-goal haul in a Prem game since beating Leeds 5-1 on the opening day in 2021 – when he also bagged a treble.

Fernandes, who lifted the Players' Player of the Year award on Tuesday, said: "It was a huge week and to end with a win at home today was

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Jungle is massive

By TOM PEPPER

JM JUNGLE got his season back on track in the Beverley Bullet.

John Quinn's hardy sprinter had been out of luck in six outings this season but made the most of the drop in class to take the feature.

Jockey Jason Hart came with a late run up the centre of the track to nail Argentine Tango.

After solid midfield efforts in the Nunthorpe and at Royal Ascot, Quinn will set his sights on the top table again. The trainer said: "Fair play to him, he's been running well in lots of Group 1s so deserved it.

"He ran well again in the Nunthorpe, he ran well at Royal Ascot, he ran well at Goodwood and he just got his head in front thankfully.

"He's in the Flying Five at the Curragh in two weeks so he might go there."

LEGER PUNT SNOWBALLS

THE bookies are on the run from Highwayman who has been backed into 16-1 from 50s for the St Leger on September 12. Joseph O'Brien's colt was last seen winning a Listed race by more than two lengths at Leopardstown.

Roger to Rock out

By CALLUM JAMIESON

TRAINER Roger Varian has his eye on Doncaster for Rock Montreal.

The handler was forced to take his unbeaten colt out of Satuday's Solario Stakes at Sandown at the last minute due to the soft ground.

A tilt at the Champagne Stakes or the Flying Scotsman, that Varian won last year with Avicenna, is now on the cards for the Godolphin juvenile.

Varian (*right*) said: "We think a lot of him so we want to do right by the horse and once all the rain came we had the conversation.

"He only made his debut a couple of weeks ago so there are options for him at Doncaster.

"He has lots of speed so hopefully the ground is a bit nicer up at Doncaster and we can kick on."

Rock Montreal is a best-priced 25-1 for the Dewhurst.

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LIGHT IT UP . . . Light Of Dawn streaks clear in Prestige Stakes at Goodwood under jockey James Doyle (*below*)

JETSET JAMES

Doyle reroutes to Goodwood after Plan A grounded

JAMES DOYLE jetted in to Goodwood at the last minute to boot Light Of Dawn home in the Prestige Stakes.

The jockey was meant to fly to Deauville to partner Wathnan's Diego Ventura, but his flight was cancelled.

Luckily for Doyle he managed to find a spare seat on a plane headed for the Sussex Downs and made the most of his trip, winning the feature on Karl Burke's two-year-old filly.

Sent off 4-1 for the Group 3 feature,

By CALLUM JAMIESON

Light Of Dawn was much the best finishing a length and a quarter clear of **Eabha** with **Coaxed** in third.

Doyle smiled: "It was a last minute thing but I was delighted with that!

"I was comfortable on her and she can jump into the big races now."

The win completed a big weekend for Wathnan who claimed the Travers in America with Leading Change as well as wins for Diego Ventura in France and Holguin in Germany.

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5.15	French Affair (nb)	5.15	Dapper Guest

■TIC-TAC: L-H horse-shoe shaped undulating track of one and a half miles, which joins the straight fcourse three and a half furlongs from home.■DRAW: High best over 5f, low best from 6f to 1m 2f. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): G & J Moore 15-91, J Boyle 15-178. THIS SEASON: E J-Houghton 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): R Clutterbuck 12-67, H Crouch 8-59, P Cosgrave 8-89. THIS SEASON: D Probert 3, H Crouch 2. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Naval Light (3.00) trained at Leyburn. Round trip of 518 miles. ■JACKPOT: 1-6. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

1.50 BETFRED 'TURBO BOOST' HANDICAP (Class 5); value to the winner £4,449; 6f. (7 runners)

1 (5) 1357851 **EM FOUR 7 (CD)** J Osborne 4-10-0(5ex) ... **Saffie Osborne 98**
2 (4) -662921 **LOGI BEAR 16 (P★;D)** J Butler 3-9-7 ... **David Probert ●99**
3 (7) 5120420 **TWIRLER 8 (CD)** M Attwater 5-9-5 ... **Kieren Fox 93**
4 (3) 1293578 **CAYMAN TAI 16** R Hannon 4-9-5 ... **Joe Leavy 88**
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6 (2) -627815 **PERFECT LOCATION 49 (D)** T Ward 3-9-5 ... **Pierre Jamin 94**
7 (6) 6470-33 **HARRY'S HALO 84 (D)** K Frost 6-9-4 ... **Seamus Cronin (5) 96**

BETTING: 5-2 Em Four, 11-4 Logi Bear, 9-2 Harry's Halo, 5 Twirler
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Em Four 3-9-7 Saffie Osborne 6-1 (J Osborne) drawn 4, 6 ran.

2.25 IRISH EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (3); 2-y-o; winner £6,185; 7f. (8 runners)

1 (2) 63 **L B DOUBLE U 13 (P★)** T Dascombe 9-7 ... **Pierre Jamin 83**
2 (4) 20 **RED TAIL 16** R Hannon 9-7 ... **Joe Leavy 93**
3 (3) 53 **ARTEMIS STAR 27 (H)** W Muir & C Grassick 9-4 ... **Robert Havlin 94**
4 (8) 96 **LIGHTENINGS LEGACY 20 (V)** M Usher 9-4 ... **George Wood 72**
5 (6) **TARANIS** E J-Houghton 9-4 ... **Charles Bishop —**
6 (7) 4 **ANGEL OF DESIRE 17** A Perrett 9-2 ... **David Probert 86**
7 (5) 54 **GOLDEN CATURRA 22** J Gallagher 8-13 ... **Kaiya Fraser 81**
8 (1) 022 **SUMMER TRIANGLE 37** G & J Moore 8-13 ... **Rhys Clutterbuck ●99**

BETTING: 9-4 Summer Triangle, 3 Red Tail, 5 Artemis Star, 6 Taranis
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 2 3 2
2025: Mayaada 9-2 Sam James 4-1 (Ollie Sangster) drawn 4, 4 ran.

3.00 BETFRED 'THE CLASSIC BOOKMAKER' HANDICAP (3); value to the winner £10,308; 7f. (8 runners)

1 (3) 0091600 **MORTE POINT 23 (B;D)** W Muir & C Grassick 4-10-0 ... **Robert Havlin 87**
2 (2) 320-073 **AURORA MAJESTY 15 (CD)** A Watson 4-9-12 ... **Pierre Jamin 90**
3 (5) 15-3518 **KISSKODI 15 (CD)** H Eustace 4-9-10 ... **George Wood 92**
4 (6) 214-5 **NEW VEGA 44 (D)** S & E Crisford 3-9-9 ... **David Probert 94**
5 (1) -500500 **RHOSCOLYN 9 (CD)** D O'Meara 8-9-8 ... **Jason Watson 92**
6 (4) 3-38117 **NAVAL LIGHT 30 (D)** K R Burke 3-9-7 ... **Sam James 96**
7 (7) -572582 **DO BRONXS 20** D Loughnane 3-9-5 ... **Hector Crouch ●99**
8 (8) 4811303 **VELVET RHYTHM 7 (D)** C Johnston 3-8-10 ... **Saffie Osborne 98**

BETTING: 3 Velvet Rhythm, 7-2 Do Bronxs, 5 Aurora Majesty, 6 Naval Light
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 3-4 6 1 1
2025: Partisan Hero 5-9-6 Rossa Ryan 3-1 Fav (D Loughnane) drawn 2, 9 ran.

Sunracing FORM

MORTE POINT (9-3) 9-1 tracked leaders, weakened, last of 10 (6¼l) to Arctic Dawn (10-0) (Newmarket 7f hcap (2) £12,885 good to firm).
AURORA MAJESTY (9-5) 18-1 close up led 2f out, headed 1f out, ran on, 3rd of 13 (btn 2¼l) to Valvano (9-12) **KISSKODI** (9-4) 33-1 rear, pushed along 2f out, stayed on, 8th (btn 6½l) (Southwell 7f hcap (3) £9,631 AW).
VELVET RHYTHM (8-11) 6-1 led, ridden 1f out, headed, 3rd of 6 (btn 2½l) to All Moonshine (10-0) **NEW VEGA** (9-12) 7-1 tracked leaders, weakened 1f out, 5th (btn 6l) (6 ran) (Newbury 7f hcap (3) £15,462 good to firm).
RHOSCOLYN (8-12) 6-1 keen in midfield, ridden 2f out, short of room over 1f out, last of 13 (btn 9l) to Whip Cracker (9-6) (Chester 1m hcap (2) £30,924 good to soft).
NAVAL LIGHT (8-3) 13-2 rear, ridden 2f out, kept on, 7th of 13 (btn 3l) to Ghost Mode (8-11) (Goodwood 7f hcap (2) £38,655 good to firm).
DO BRONXS (9-9) 9-2 led, headed 1f out, no match for winner, btn 1¾l by Malachy's Wish (9-8) (7 ran) (Lingfield 7f hcap (4) £5,234 AW).
VELVET RHYTHM (9-6) 13-2 midfield, no extra finish, 3rd of 10 (btn 1½l) to Two Commanders (9-7) (Musselburgh 7f hcap (4) £6,281 good).

3.35 BETFRED AMATEURS DERBY HCAP (GENTLEMAN AMATEURS) (4); winner £9,778; 1m 4f. (14 runners)

1 (14) 7-21190 **SWEET REWARD 30 (C)** J Portman 9-11-11 ... **Mr J Hills (4) 88**
2 (7) 11-9390 **GORDON GREY 86 (CD)** G Baker 6-11-9 ... **Mr P Mullins 8985**
3 (10) -282833 **GREAT BEDWYN 16 (D)** R Hannon 6-11-7 ... **Mr L Murphy (4) 97**
4 (11) 3512309 **SON OF MAN 19 (D)** J Boyle 5-11-6 ... **Mr R Birkett 9860**
5 (4) 3052316 **EPICTETUS 9 (C)** J Osborne 6-11-6 ... **Mr J Loughnane (6) ●99**
6 (9) 40-6335 **DIVINE KNIGHT 30 (BF)** W Haggas 5-11-5 ... **Mr H Callan 929**
7 (13) 343-444 **DEVIL IN THE SKY 48 (D)** G & J Moore 6-11-3 ... **Mr G Ancenys (4) 90**
8 (1) 6416334 **YAA MIN 15 (D)** H Burton 4-11-3 ... **Mr C Murphy (4) 85**
9 (12) 2356118 **DAMASCUS STEEL 37 (CD)** G Arnolda 6-11-3 ... **Mr F Yarham 89**
10 (3) 4-16224 **DANCING TIGER 39** R Teal 4-10-13 ... **Mr F Tett 96**
11 (5) -016512 **CURRAN 25** B Millman 5-10-11 ... **Mr P Millman 90**
12 (8) 44800-1 **CROOKED PATH 19 (D)** J Owen 4-10-10 ... **Mr S Walker 97**
13 (2) 677-761 **EDWARD SEXTON 24** G & J Moore 6-10-8 ... **Mr D Dunsdon 95**
14 (6) /030-32 **SEEKING CHARLES 25** M Usher 5-10-5 ... **Mr H Main (2) 94**

BETTING: 4 Edward Sexton, 13-2 Crooked Path, 7 Divine Knight, 8 Seeking Charles, Gordon Grey, Curran, 10 Epictetus, 12 Yaa Min, Great Bedwyn
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3 2 1 1
2025: Gordon Grey 5-11-6 Mr P Hainey 9-4 Fav (B Brookhouse) drw 1, 8 ran.

4.05 STANLEY WOOTTON HANDICAP (GBBPLUS RACE) (4); value to the winner £6,281; 1m 2f. (10 runners)

1 (9) 4111890 **HENGEST 37 (D)** D Cunha 4-10-2 ... **Jason Watson 87**
2 (4) 364-172 **ALMEKAREM 19 (D)** Sir M Prescott 4-10-2 ... **Dylan Hogan 97**
3 (8) 4-86321 **PERFECT SCOUNDREL 46 (CD)** A Perrett 4-9-13 ... **Robert Havlin 98**
4 (2) 50077-5 **ARTHUR'S REALM 87 (D)** G Arnolda 8-9-12 ... **Darragh Keenan 85**
5 (7) 4810275 **MAO SHANG WONG 28 (D)** D O'Meara 4-9-10 ... **Saffie Osborne 94**
6 (3) -184425 **DOUBLE RED 25 (BF,CD)** H Candy 5-9-10 ... **David Probert 92**
7 (10) 3357114 **TRIO 17 (C)** E J-Houghton 3-9-8 ... **Charles Bishop ●99**
8 (5) 53-1257 **CRYSTAL PIER 42** R Beckett 3-9-6 ... **Hector Crouch 92**
9 (6) -361344 **HELLO COTAI 21 (C,D)** J Boyle 5-9-1 ... **Pat Cosgrave 89**
10 (1) -231115 **SAIL ON SAILOR 39 (BF,CD)** S Dow 3-8-9 ... **Joe Leavy 96**

BETTING: 3 Almekarem, 7-2 Perfect Scoundrel, 13-2 Trio, 7 Sail On Sailor, 8 Double Red, 12 Hengest, Arthur's Realm, Crystal Pier, Mao Shang Wong, 14 Hello Cotai
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 7 2 2
2025: Stormy Monday 3-9-0 Kieran Shoemark 5-1 (E Walker) drawn 8, 8 ran.

4.40 GEOFF LEWIS HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,449; 1m 113yds. (8 runners)

1 (8) 2331774 **H KEY LAILS 25 (D)** M Attwater 6-10-0 ... **Seamus Cronin (5) 93**
2 (5) 3-86173 **OJ LIFESTYLE 32 (B)** G & J Moore 6-9-13 ... **Tom Queally ●99**
3 (6) 0200227 **AMUSED 6 (BF)** J Boyle 4-9-11 ... **Luke Catton (3) 92**
4 (2) 52-7085 **HERE I BOW 11** O Rix 3-9-9 ... **Jonny Peate 96**
5 (1) 7413137 **SUPER HIT 14 (H;C)** J Owen 5-9-8 ... **Jason Watson 95**
6 (7) 5814075 **TRONIDO 14 (H;CD)** S Dow 5-9-6 ... **Tyler Heard 91**
7 (4) 87-2443 **EDUARDO CALDERON 12** H Eustace 3-9-1 ... **Kaiya Fraser 97**
8 (3) -867P85 **UNITER 12** D Coakley 3-8-6 ... **Jack Callan 85**

BETTING: 5-2 Oj Lifestyle, 3 Eduardo Calderon, 6 Amused, 7 Super Hit, 8 Tronido
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 5 6 2 4
2025: Jiff's Army 3-9-7 Rossa Ryan 11-2 (S C Williams) drawn 2, 6 ran.

5.15 BETFRED 'PLAY FRED'S 5 MILLION' HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £6,281; 7f. (6 runners)

1 (3) 5424611 **FRENCH AFFAIR 23** J Candlish 3-9-12 ... **Sean D Bowen ●99**
2 (4) 8640803 **DAPPER GUEST 8 (D)** G Margarson 4-9-11 ... **Saffie Osborne 96**
3 (6) -437615 **SILVER TRUMPET 25 (CD)** E J-Houghton 5-9-10 ... **Charles Bishop 98**
4 (2) 1-30 **MILLION GOLD 65** M Appleby 3-9-5 ... **Robert Havlin 85**
5 (5) 45-6060 **FRESH FADE 33** M Attwater 3-9-2 ... **Kieren Fox 90**
6 (1) 3441591 **PLAY ME 17 (CD)** J Boyle 4-9-1 ... **Donagh Murphy (7) 97**

BETTING: 13-8 French Affair, 5-2 Play Me, 4 Dapper Guest, 9-2 Silver Trumpet
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1 1 6 7
2025: The Bitter Moose 4-9-0 Jim Crowley 9-1 (P Chamings) drawn 4, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

FRENCH AFFAIR (9-13) 13-8 fav rear, stayed on final furlong to lead, bt Space Bear (9-9) nk (7 ran) (Redcar 6f hcap (5) £3,664 good to firm).
DAPPER GUEST (9-5) 14-1 prominent, faded inside final 110yds, 3rd of 7 (btn 2l) to Knights Gold (9-9) (Brighton 7f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
SILVER TRUMPET (9-9) 3-1 prominent, weakened 1f out, 5th of 6 (btn 5l) to Serenity Dream (9-4) (Brighton 7f hcap (5) £5,234 good to firm).
MILLION GOLD (9-3) 28-1 mid-division, lost position 2f out, soon beaten, last of 14 (well btn) to Hallo Spaceboy (9-8) (York 6f hcap (4) £12,885 good).
FRENCH AFFAIR (9-2) 14-1 missed break, held up, headway 1f out, ran on well to lead final strides, bt Under The Twilight (9-10) nk **FRESH FADE** (9-2) 125-1 in touch with leaders, lost place over 2f out, soon weakened, 18th (btn 10l) (26 ran) (Goodwood 6f hcap (4) £20,616 good to firm).
PLAY ME (9-5) 14-1 rear, ran on 1f out, second final 110yds, led late, bt Red Mirage (10-1) nk (9 ran) (Epsom 7f hcap (4) £4,449 good to firm).

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TEMPLEGATE		TOM PEPPER	
1.55	Arenite	1.55	My Boo Boo
2.30	Time Thief	2.30	Why Not Me
3.05	Rogue Jewel	3.05	Pure Mint
3.40	Mr Professor	3.40	English Oak (nb)
4.10	Rock Of England	4.10	Mark's Choice
4.45	Trucial Pearl	4.45	Little Ted
5.20	Back From Dubai	5.20	Evelyn's Phoenix
5.50	Star Start	5.50	Star Start

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Blue Tulip (Southwell) and French Affair (double, Epsom) with Filly Eilish (Southwell).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Trio (Epsom) and English Oak (Ripon).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: PURE MINT (3.05 Ripon).
THE JUDGE: OJ LIFESTYLE (4.40 Epsom).

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed oval track, 1m 5f in extent, which joins the straight course more than 5f from the finish. ■DRAW: Low numbers favoured on the sprint course. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): T Easterby 70-622, D O'Meara 26-211, R & P Fahey 23-190, W Haggas 21-51. THIS SEASON: T Easterby 11, E Bethell 6, M Walford 5. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D Allan 44-311, D Tudhope 26-91, J Hart 25-165, D Nolan 16-114. THIS SEASON: J Hart 7, Joanna Mason 6, D Allan 5. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: My Boo Boo (1.55) trained at Chalfont St. Giles. Round trip of 436 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: D O'Meara won the 3.40 in 2016, 2020 and 2022. S & E Crisford won the 3.05 in 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2024. T Easterby won the 5.50 in 2018, 2020. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Captain Bruce (5.20). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

1.55 ALDWARK MANOR ESTATE EBF MAIDEN STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; winner £5,757; 6f. (8 runners)

1 (5) 0 **DEE'S MOCHAFELLA 16** F McSharry 9-7 ... **Daniel Tudhope 70**
2 (1) 4 **HARRY WHO 61** R & P Fahey 9-7 ... **Oisin Orr 88**
3 (8) 29 **MY BOO BOO 53** B Toomey 9-7 ... **Tom Marquand 97**
4 (4) **BREWSTER** M & D Easterby 9-4 ... **Billy Garritty —**
5 (2) **BLACK GIN** I Furtado 9-2 ... **Jason Hart —**
6 (7) 5245 **OURAGAN 20 (BF)** A Watson 9-2 ... **Oisin Murphy 90**
7 (3) 43355 **TRAVELLERS GIRL 24** R Fell 9-2 ... **Kevin Stott 93**
8 (6) 22 **ARENITE 30** M Dods 8-13 ... **Connor Beasley ●99**

BETTING: 13-8 Arenite, 4 My Boo Boo, 11-2 Travellers Girl, 6 Harry Who, 13-2 Ouragan, 14 Brewster, Black Gin, 33 Dee's Mochafella
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9 1 3
2025: Empress Olivia 9-0 Harry Russell 28-1 (M Walford) drawn 4, 9 ran.

2.30 HARROGATE THEATRE PANTO TICKETS NOVICE STAKES (4); winner £5,234; 1m 3f. (5 runners)

1 (4) 3/ **MASTERLY 1077** C Johnston 5-9-12 ... **Oliver Stammers —**
2 (3) 1 **TIME THIEF 26** T Clover 3-9-11 ... **David Egan 96**
3 (5) 442 **PEACE BELLE 12 (BF)** J Candlish 5-9-5 ... **Jason Hart ●99**
4 (1) 2-4 **WHY NOT ME 13** S Williams 4-9-5 ... **Oisin Murphy 93**
5 (2) 25 **FEELIN' FREE 12** J Jones 3-8-11 ... **Connor Beasley 87**

BETTING: 4-6 Peace Belle, 4 Time Thief, 15-2 Masterly, 8 Why Not Me, 10 Feelin' Free
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

3.05 RIPON CHAMPION TWO YR OLD TROPHY (LISTED) (1) 2YO; win £30,811; 6f (8 run)

1 23185 **CLASH OF HEARTS 12 (P★;D)**
(2) A Keatley 9-5 ... **Mikey Sheehy 95**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £23,945
Stepped forward up in grade at York, needs more again, e-way play

2 242213 **HARRY KNOWS 21 (BF,D)**
(7) R Hughes 9-5 ... **P J McDonald 89**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £21,112
Beaten handicap debut latest, capable of better but needs to, unlikely

3 418 **NAPA 95 (BF)**
(3) K De Foy 9-5 ... **David Egan 96**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) £21,377
Too bad to be true at Sandown, has to bounce back, good previously

4 1 **PURE MINT 35 (CD)**
(5) S & E Crisford 9-5 ... **Harry Davies ●99**
Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (F) £5,757
Backed into 11-10 on debut here, yard can ready a 2YO, big threat here

5 4145 **BEAR LEE 12**
(8) M & D Easterby 9-0 ... **Billy Garritty 88**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) £10,977
Bit to find with few, consistent, will make most of any bad days at office

6 11 **NOT MY TYPE 18**
(4) W Haggas 9-0 ... **Tom Marquand 96**
Runs: 2 Wins: 2 (2F) £11,174
Probably not beat much yet, going right way, soft would be question

7 11 **ROGUE JEWEL 16 (CD)**
(1) E Bethell 9-0 ... **Daniel Tudhope 98**
Runs: 2 Wins: 2 (F,G) £25,846
Didn't have to improve to win here latest, capable of more, big player

8 10 **SILENT BEAUTY 73 (D)**
(6) K De Foy 9-0 ... **Jason Hart 93**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (GS) £5,400
Fluffed lines at Ascot, freshened up, point to prove but very interesting

BETTING: 7-2 Pure Mint, 4 Rogue Jewel, 9-2 Not My Type, 5 Clash Of Hearts, 11-2 Silent Beauty, 8 Napa, 12 Harry Knows, 14 Bear Lee
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 4 1 1 7
2025: Anaisa 9-0, David Allan 12-1 (T Easterby), drawn 5, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CLASH OF HEARTS (9-3) 80-1 mid-division, outpaced and made little impression 1f out, plugged on final furlong, 5th of 10 (btn 6¾l) to Haffner (9-3) (York 7f Grp 3 (1) £99,242 good).
HARRY KNOWS (9-10) 4-5 fav handy, headed 1f out, ran on, no extra and lost place near line, 3rd of 5 (btn ¼l) to Keep Kicking On (9-7) (Windsor 6f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
NAPA (9-2) 2-1 fav chased leaders, outpaced well 1f out, dropped to last inside final furlong, last of 8 (btn 8½l) to Where Love Lives (9-2) (Sandown 5f Listed (1) £25,520 good).
PURE MINT (9-4) 11-10 fav led early, chased leader, led again 2f out, clear final furlong, comfortably, bt Green Bay Dream (9-4) 4½l (7 ran) (Ripon 6f nov stks (4) £5,757 good to firm).
BEAR LEE (8-6) 40-1 midfield, headway 3f out, not clear run 2f out, kept on until no extra towards finish, 5th of 18 (btn 1¼l) to Henley On Thames (8-9) (York 6f hcap (2) £51,540 good).
NOT MY TYPE (9-9) 6-4 made all, pushed along 1f out, ran on inside final furlong, going away, bt Empress Princess (9-2) 1¼l (6 ran) (Beverley 5f nov (4) £5,234 good to firm).
ROGUE JEWEL (9-6) 5-6 fav handy, led 1f out, clear final furlong, reduced lead but in no danger towards finish, bt Does Mary Know (9-7) 1¾l (5 ran) (Ripon 6f nov stks (2) £12,885 good).
SILENT BEAUTY (9-2) 11-1 wore hood to post, prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 23rd of 25 (btn 14l) to Libertango (9-2) (Ascot 6f Grp 3 (1) £70,888 good to firm).

JOCKEYFORM

TOTAL WINS		WINS TO RIDES LAST WEEK	RIDES SINCE WIN	£1 LEVEL STAKE
176	B Loughnane	6-44	9	-226
135	O Murphy	7-33	0	-141
115	R Ryan	8-33	3	-62
94	J Hart	8-35	0	-116
92	H Crouch	5-27	5	-40

TRAINERFORM

TOTAL WINS		WINS TO RUNNERS LAST WEEK	STRIKE RATE %	£1 LEVEL STAKE
142	A Balding	4-35	20	-18
111	James Owen	1-22	17	-75
110	A Carroll	4-34	14	-210
98	K R Burke	6-25	19	-38
87	R Hannon	0-30	13	-39

3.40 RIPON ROWELS HAND £15,462; 1m

1 116020 **ENGLISH OA**
(4) H Al Jehani 6-10-4 .
Runs: 24 Wins: 5 (S,2F,A,G)
Might not mind the rain, stuffed at Go

2 2-7000 **THUNDER RO**
(7) T Coyle & K Wood
Runs: 33 Wins: 5 (5S)
Form tells tale, not fired this season at

3 007999 **MIRSKY 11 (**
(6) D O'Meara 7-9-7. .
Runs: 33 Wins: 7 (S,2F,2GS)
Punters keep latching on to but little

4 056-62 **MR PROFESS**
(3) K De Foy 7-9-3 . . .
Runs: 38 Wins: 5 (3S,A,F)
Likes it as soft as possible, handy ma

5 3-8118 **RACINGBREA**
(9) C Hills 6-9-2 . . . . .
Runs: 37 Wins: 7 (4S,2A,G)
No reason for poor showing latest, w

6 232643 **SPOKEN TRU**
(5) D O'Meara 5-9-1. .
Runs: 17 Wins: 1 (S)
Knocking at door, backed again at H

7 1-0185 **MILTEYE 23 (**
(8) H Bethell 6-8-13 . .
Runs: 23 Wins: 5 (2S,GS,2G)
Won bravely here in April, only pound

8 1-982 **FIREFALL 68**
(1) E Bethell 3-8-12 . .
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A)
Yard debut, ex-French, form solid but

9 12 **MAJESTIC DA**
(2) K R Burke 3-8-10 .
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (A)
Off since Newcastle novice win, geld

BETTING: 5-2 Majestic Dane, 4 Spoken
Oak, 10 Mirsky, 12 Mr Professor, 14 Racing
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 4
2025: Silent Age 4-9-13, B Loughnane 11-4

Sunracing F

ENGLISH OAK (9-9) 66-1 slowly away, always behind, 16th of 18 (btn 9l) to Archivist (9-12) (Goodwood 1m hcap (2) £90,195 good to firm).
MIRSKY (9-8) 18-1 midfield, effort 2f out, soon held, 11th of 18 (btn 7¼l) to Mister Winston (9-9) **THUNDER ROAR** (9-8) 25-1 rear, headway 2f out, asked for effort over 1f out, soon held, 16th (btn 9l) (18 ran) (Epsom 1m hcap (2) £38,655 good to soft).
MIRSKY (8-11) 80-1 led, reduced lead 3f out, headed 2f out, ridden final furlong, weakened, 9th of 14 (btn 6¾l) to The Lost King (9-6) (York 1m hcap (2) £77,310 good to soft).
MR PROFESSOR (9-11) 22-1 prominent, led final furlong, soon headed, kept on but no chance finish, btn 4¼l by Victory Ace (9-4) (9 ran) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
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4.10 BOOK ONLINE AT RIPON-RAC (5); value to the winner £4,

1 (9) 3791915 **OUR ABSENT FRIENDS 5 (BF,CD)** T
2 (7) 1312144 **ROCK OF ENGLAND 17 (CD)** P Midg
3 (8) 1421131 **THORNABY PEARL 14 (C,D)** A Nicho
4 (5) 0624362 **MARK'S CHOICE 16 (CD)** G Tutty 10-
5 (1) 1552822 **CANARIA QUEEN 5 (CD)** T Easterby
6 (3) 2962346 **BETWEENTHESTICKS 14 (D)** R Carr
7 (2) 8315066 **GLORY FIGHTER 24 (D)** P Midgley 10
8 (6) 5165427 **MARAJITO 9 (CD)** T Easterby 4-9-5 ...
9 (4) 0496112 **HAPPIER 13 (D)** M Keighley 6-9-0......

BETTING: 10-3 Thornaby Pearl, 4 Our Absent Frie
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1
2025: Another Baar 5-10-0 O McSweeney 7-2 Fa

4.45 NAPOLEONS CASINO LEEDS 1) (6); winner £3,664; 1m 2

1 (10) 0224682 **COPPER AND FIVE 18 (C)** R Carr 10-
2 (3) 6-95344 **INSPIRING SPEECHES 31 (D)** S End
3 (8) 5272264 **LITTLE TED 16 (H★;CD)** T Easterby 9
4 (2) 8D8/443 **ROGERS DREAM 31** G Arnolda 5-9-9
5 (4) 4465854 **TOP GUN TINA 58** D Thompson 6-9-9
6 (1) 9744343 **VOLENTI 43** S England 7-9-9 ...
7 (7) 023-705 **DUE TO SHINE 31** B Ellison 3-9-2.......
8 (5) 0-00709 **PRINCESS COCO 77 (B)** S Whitaker
9 (9) 3653144 **TRUCIAL PEARL 6 (V;C)** M & D Easte
10 (6) 094 **TWIN AND TONIC 39** R Fell 3-9-2.......

BETTING: 7-2 Trucial Pearl, 9-2 Volenti, 5 Rogers D
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 4
2025: Tiberio Force 6-9-9 Paul Mulrennan 11-2

5.20 NAPOLEONS CASINO CLASSI winner £3,664; 1m 2f.

1 (7) 8314063 **BACK FROM DUBAI 18** S Bowring 9-
2 (1) 2969064 **EVELYN'S PHOENIX 15 (CD)** T Easte
3 (10) 3-84376 **GOLDEN SAMBA 63** T Jackson 4-9-9
4 (9) -097393 **QUIRKE ON PAROLE 26 (D)** M Walfo
5 (5) 6-66789 **TIBERIO FORCE 16 (B;CD)** S Whitak
6 (2) 7800988 **WHERES THE CRUMPET 37 (D)** D T
7 (8) 0439458 **BALANCE OF TRADE 20** G Rutherfo
8 (3) 6-90988 **CAPTAIN BRUCE 63 (D)** A Crook 3-9
9 (4) 0768 **RETRO ROCKET 25 (P★)** M Keighley
10 (6) -979465 **TEN SIXTY SIX 18** D O'Meara 3-9-2 ...

BETTING: 7-2 Quirke On Parole, 4 Back From Dub
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: See D

5.50 AJA AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HAN value to the winner £3,477

1 (4) 1228575 **SPIRIT CATCHER 21 (BF,C)** P Kirby
2 (5) 20196-7 **JAM LASS 133** P Niven 5-11-2 ...
3 (6) 4412845 **IT'S ONLY FUN 25 (D)** S Ender 4-11-1.
4 (9) 1155451 **WOODLEIGH 9 (C)** R Fell 5-10-13.......
5 (8) 2601340 **KITSUNE POWER 16** T Easterby 7-10
6 (3) 11-0755 **COUGAR 47** M Chapman 7-10-12 ...
7 (7) 3853212 **STAR START 14 (CD)** R Carr 6-10-11...
8 (10) 7-89957 **THREE YORKSHIREMEN 41 (D)** J Jon
9 (2) 29-2076 **GLITTER CODE 26** E Bethell 4-10-10...
10 (1) 9552047 **ON THE BUBBLE 4** G Rutherford 5-10

BETTING: 5-2 Star Start, 10-3 Woodleigh, 4 Spirit
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 3 1 0 1
2025: Spartan Times 4-10-12 Mr J Neild 5-2 Fav

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GOING: STANDARD

TEMPLEGATE	
1.32	Kokumi
2.07	BLUE TULIP (nap)
2.42	Golspie
3.17	Bajan Bandit
3.51	Filly Eilish
4.25	Roi De Coeur
5.00	Thunderous Love
5.35	Yes Waliim

TOM PEPPER	
1.32	Kokumi
2.07	Le Rouge Chinois
2.42	Saxophonist
3.17	Izzari
3.51	Dacres Cross
4.25	Kiani King
5.00	Marianne Mozart
5.35	Yes Waliim

■TIC-TAC: Round L-H tapeta A-W track of 1m 2f. Straight 5f course. ■DRAW: No advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): M Appleby 58-576, M Herrington 48-340, S Dixon 38-620. THIS SEASON: M Herrington 12. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): L Morris 46-541, B Loughnane 41-306. THIS SEASON: R Hornby 10, S Kirrane 8. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Izzari (3.17) & Classy Clarets (5.00) trained Carrutherstown. Round trip 436 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Tropical Talent (2.07), Special Breeze (3.17). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

E-WAY THIEF

HAVE an each-way double on DIVINE KNIGHT (3.35 Epsom) and ALMEKAREM (4.05 Epsom) who have both been knocking on the door in similar company.

1.32 FILLIES MAIDEN STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; win £5,400; 5f. (10 runners)

1 (8) 9652 **BEAUTIFUL EFFORT 18** I Mohammed & J Santos 9-2.. **S De Sousa**
2 (5) 26 **CHIWARA 60 (BF)** R & P Fahey 9-2 ... **B McHugh**
3 (9) 4U29 **COSMIC MYSTERY 17** A Watson 9-2 ... **L Morris**
4 (4) 9224 **DELIGHFULLY HOT 13 (BF)** J Owen 9-2.... **C Fallon**
5 (1) 5 **ESTUPENDA 124** J Ramsden 9-2 ... **A Jary (3)**
6 (10) 22 **KOKUMI 13** R Newland 9-2 ... **G Mangan**
7 (6) 2385 **QUIET SOUL 45** M Herrington 9-2 ... **S Levey**
8 (7) **SAYIDAH DUBAWI** J Tate 9-2 ... **B Loughnane**
9 (3) 35 **SIOUX MOON 13** C Fellowes 9-2 ... **P Bradley**
10 (2) 3243 **VIKING BARBIE 18** O Sangster 9-2 ... **M Ghiani**

Cosmic Mystery ●99, Beautiful Effort 94, Viking Barbie 94.
5-2 Cosmic Mystery, 5 Kokumi, 6 Sayidah Dubawi, Delighfully Hot, 13-2 Beautiful Effort, 8 Viking Barbie, 10 Chiwara, 14 Sioux Moon

2.07 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,768; 1m 6f. (7 runners)

1 (1) 8022 **LE ROUGE CHINOIS 14 (D)** M Appleby 6-10-0.. **S De Sousa**
2 (2) 608/ **TROPICAL TALENT J451** O Greenall & J Guerriero 7-9-13. **H Russell**
3 (7) 4513 **EDWARDTHENINTH 64** A Forbes 5-9-9. **G Mangan**
4 (4) 5743 **LEDNIKOV 16 (B;CD)** I Furtado 8-9-8..... **E Croot (5)**
5 (5) 6613 **BLUE TULIP 16 (P★)** W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-7.. **B Loughnane**
6 (6) 7312 **SOUND GLORIA 16 (BF)** R Varian 3-9-7. **R Dawson**
7 (3) 706 **BE HOPEFUL 26** D Menuisier 3-9-4 ... **S Levey**

Blue Tulip ●99, Le Rouge Chinois 98, Edwardtheninth 97.
2 Le Rouge Chinois, 4 Sound Gloria, 6 Blue Tulip, Lednikov, 13-2 Tropical Talent, 7 Edwardtheninth, 12 Be Hopeful

2.42 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,397; 1m 3f. (8 runners)

1 (3) 3214 **EVERYONEKNOWSADAVE 28 (CD)** J Macey 4-10-2. **L Wright (3)**
2 (6) 4912 **BEARWITH 19 (CD)** H Bethell 8-9-11. **T Kiely-Marshall (5)**
3 (1) 8313 **FAEBERON 23** S & E Crisford 3-9-6 ... **J Mitchell**
4 (4) 3522 **SAXOPHONIST 23** D O'Meara 3-9-5. **C Whiteley (5)**
5 (7) -320 **NEW BAY STAR 33** M Appleby 3-9-5... **A Rawlinson**
6 (5) 4363 **GOLSPIE 25** P Morris 6-9-3 ... **B Loughnane**
7 (2) 7604 **PACE ATTACK 14** Sir M Prescott 3-9-0 ... **L Morris**
8 (8) 8990 **CARWYN 35** P Morris 3-8-7 ... **B McHugh**

Saxophonist ●99, Faeberon 98, Golspie 97.
7-2 Saxophonist, 4 Faeberon, Bearwith, 9-2 Pace Attack, 6 Golspie, 8 Everyoneknowsadave, 10 New Bay Star, 66 Carwyn

3.17 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,768; 1m. (14 runners)

1 (13) 3475 **AVATAR JET 12 (CD)** D Carroll 5-9-9.... **Z Wheatley**
2 (6) 1072 **VOLTO DI MEDUSA 32 (B;CD)** J Jones 5-9-8. **C Fallon**
3 (11) 2614 **RELEVANT RANGE 32 (CD)** I Furtado 7-9-7... **E Croot (5)**
4 (3) 3155 **RUSHEEN BOY 34 (C)** J & S Birkett 5-9-7.... **S Levey**
5 (1) 8666 **PORTMAN BLUE 32 (BF)** J Parr 4-9-7 ... **L Morris**
6 (14) 0692 **IZZARI 20 (D)** I Jardine 5-9-7 ... **A Mullen**
7 (9) /4-6 **PEACEFUL SPIRIT 15** L Mullaney 4-9-6.. **A Rawlinson**
8 (5) 6057 **ASPULL 9 (H)** P McEntee 4-9-5 ... **G McEntee**
9 (12) 8434 **JUST TYPICAL 25 (BF,CD)** I Williams 5-9-5. **B Loughnane**
10 (2) 5065 **SOAMES FORSYTE 26 (CD)** M Herrington 7-9-4. **T Eaves**
11 (4) 5232 **BAJAN BANDIT 11 (V;CD)** P Morris 6-9-4. **P Bradley**
12 (7) -657 **SPECIAL BREEZE 103** P Sly 4-9-2 ... **K O'Neill**
13 (8) 4411 **AIM FOR THE BULL 63 (C,D)** M Murphy 4-9-1. **R Hornby**
14 (10) 3145 **MR FUSTIC 104 (CD)** A Brown 8-9-1 ... **M Ghiani**

Izzari ●99, Just Typical 98, Soames Forsyte 97.
9-2 Aim For The Bull, 5 Izzari, 6 Volto Di Medusa, Bajan Bandit, 8 Just Typical, 10 Portman Blue, 14 Avatar Jet, Peaceful Spirit

3.51 HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; winner £4,397; 1m. (10 runners)

1 (6) 2507 **WIELD 11 (T★)** J Parr 9-9 ... **L Morris**
2 (1) 6615 **FILLY EILISH 25 (BF,CD)** I Furtado 9-9. **S De Sousa**
3 (10) 1266 **LEGACY ROCK 11 (D)** R Newland 9-8... **B Loughnane**
4 (9) 8256 **MAYFLOWER BILLY 60** J Macey 9-6 ... **S Levey**
5 (4) 3329 **SILKY LASS 64 (D)** J Ramsden 9-6 ... **A Jary (3)**
6 (5) 607 **POWER STRIKE 144** J Camacho 9-5 ... **R Sexton**
7 (3) 4-54 **TEST RUN 30** M & D Easterby 9-4 ... **S Farmer (5)**
8 (7) -045 **DACRES CROSS 54 (BF)** K Ryan 9-4 ... **T Eaves**
9 (2) 0463 **VEGA STORM 21** R & P Fahey 9-2 ... **H Russell**
10 (8) 6604 **SAILOR'S RETURN 28 (T★)** D O'Meara 9-0 .. **C Fallon**

Vega Storm ●99, Wield 98, Filly Eilish 97.
3 Vega Storm, 7-2 Filly Eilish, 9-2 Dacres Cross, 7 Sailor's Return

4.25 HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; winner £4,397; 1m. (9 runners)

1 (9) 5125 **ROI DE COEUR 21 (BF,D)** M Botti 9-9 ... **M Ghiani**
2 (5) 5873 **TARADIF 16** J Macey 9-8 ... **S Levey**
3 (6) 5790 **BOY NAMED SIOUX 9 (C)** R & P Fahey 9-6. **W Fentiman (3)**
4 (1) 0514 **JACKABI 25** M Rimell 9-6 ... **R Hornby**
5 (8) 6814 **WISE CRACK 21 (P★)** R Carr 9-5 ... **S Gray**
6 (2) -064 **BALLYBUNION 21** M Bell 9-5 ... **C Shepherd**
7 (3) 6573 **ALKUMATIC JO JO 21** I Furtado 9-4..... **S De Sousa**
8 (4) 4963 **KIANI KING 35 (T★;BF)** H Morrison 9-2. **B Loughnane**
9 (7) 2166 **HUNTERIAN 45 (D)** C Johnston 9-1 ... **A Mullen**

Kiani King ●99, Ballybunion 98, Jackabi 97.
3 Kiani King, 4 Roi De Coeur, 6 Wise Crack, Alkumatic Jo Jo

5.00 HANDICAP (5); winner £5,234; 6f. (12 runners)

1 (6) 1112 **CLASSY CLARETS 14 (H;D)** I Jardine 5-9-9. **S Farmer (5)**
2 (12) 4065 **HIERARCHY 16 (B;CD)** J Osborne 7-9-9.. **W Carver**
3 (3) 5-55 **MARIANNE MOZART 31** I Mohammed & J Santos 4-9-9.. **S De Sousa**
4 (7) 5775 **TRAVEL AGENT 14 (E;D)** A Kirby 4-9-7 ... **S Levey**
5 (9) 161- **SOLE SPIRIT 354 (D)** B Smart 4-9-6... **P Mulrennan**
6 (10) 5204 **CAIRDEAS 25** P Midgley 4-9-6 ... **T Eaves**
7 (1) 4563 **DICKO THE LEGEND 14 (D)** L Bailey 6-9-5. **B Loughnane**
8 (5) 7539 **HECTIC 14 (B,T★;CD)** L Bailey 6-9-5 ... **J Garritty**
9 (2) -234 **BABA REZA 25 (D)** J Camacho 8-9-4.... **T Kiely-Marshall (5)**
10 (11) 5367 **JESSE LUC 25 (CD)** M Murphy 6-9-3.... **C Shepherd**
11 (8) 6922 **THUNDEROUS LOVE 20 (BF,CD)** J Portman 5-9-2.. **R Hornby**
12 (4) 5275 **FANTASY OBSESSOR 38 (CD)** M Appleby 4-9-1. **R Dawson**

Dicko The Legend ●99, Fantasy Obsessor 98, Hierarchy 97.
4 Thunderous Love, 9-2 Dicko The Legend, 5 Classy Clarets

5.35 HANDICAP (6); 3-y-o; winner £3,768; 6f. (14 runners)

1 (2) 3641 **SURGEON COMMANDER 67 (B)** C Lidster 9-9.. **B Loughnane**
2 (10) 2576 **TAAKLAM 23 (P★)** H Bethell 9-9. **T Kiely-Marshall (5)**
3 (13) 3005 **HARLEQUIN BAY 42** R & P Fahey 9-8 ... **J Garritty**
4 (14) 3035 **LOVE ALIVE 26** J Butler 9-8 ... **non-runner**
5 (1) 4300 **MASAI ANGEL 23** R & P Fahey 9-8 ... **H Russell**
6 (6) 508 **ROGUE FEDERATION 39** K Frost 9-7 ... **W Pyle**
7 (8) 4612 **YES WALIIM 14 (P★)** R Hughes 9-6. **O Hoodless (7)**
8 (11) 1734 **BASED 32** W Knight 9-5 ... **C Fallon**
9 (7) 0358 **SOUL WARRIOR 24 (V★;D)** N Tinkler 9-4. **A Jary (3)**
10 (5) 5450 **GREAT SUCCESS 15 (B★)** S Dixon 9-3 .... **K O'Neill**
11 (3) 0953 **GOLDEN HARVEST 39** Steph Hollinshead 9-3. **D Costello**
12 (12) 463- **ZONNEBLOEM 315** J Macey 9-3 ... **S Levey**
13 (9) 4430 **LOPE Y LINDA 9** T Easterby 9-2 ... **S Kirrane**
14 (4) 677 **SOCIETY CHARM 140** P Chapple-Hyam 9-1. **M Ghiani**

Yes Waliim ●99, Masai Angel 98, Surgeon Commander 97.
11-4 Surgeon Commander, 7-2 Yes Waliim, 13-2 Based, 8 Taaklam

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ICAP (2) winner (9 runners)

K 31 (D)
..... **Harry Vigors (5) ●99**
Places: 6 £204,472
oodwood but excuses, in hunt

OAR 87 (D)
7-9-9. . . **David Nolan 84**
Places: 12 £130,337
all, handy mark if bouncing back

D)
..... **Mark Winn 90**
Places: 2 £209,252
to show for it, risky again today

SOR 12 (D)
..... **David Egan 93**
Places: 5 £184,005
rk if all falls right, interesting here

AKS RYDER 12 (D)
..... **Oisin Murphy 91**
Places: 9 £100,719
ins came on AW, bit to prove

UTH 20 (T★;BF)
.....**Daniel Tudhope 96**
Places: 5 £48,621
amilton, will pop up soon, threat

(CD)
.... **Ethan Tindall (5) 97**
Places: 7 £41,982
d higher today, can't rule out

..... **Oisin Orr 94**
Places: 1 £15,342
hard to weigh up, market guide

ANE 193
.....**Clifford Lee 95**
Places: 1 £7,935
ed since too, mark not easiest
n Truth, Firefall, 9-2 English
ibreaks Ryder, 16 Milteye
3 3 1
Fav (I Williams), drw 8, 7 ran.

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minent, outpaced final furlong, xened inside final 110yds, 8th of 8½/-l) to Starlight Time (9-7) npton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
EN TRUTH (9-12) 3-1 fav midfield, en 1f out, no extra, 3rd of 13 (1½l) trength of Spirit (9-1) (Hamilton hcap (3) £13,400 good).
YE (9-3) 11-1 prominent, ridden ut, no extra final 110yds, 5th of 10 2½l) to Theoryofeverything (9-11) 1m hcap (4) £5,234 good).
ALL (9-1) 9-1 led, niggled 2f out, en final furlong, kept on, btn by Azure Dragon (9-1) (7 ran) ntilly 1m 3yo (2) £10,579 good).
STIC DANE (9-1) 9-4 handy, ed along 1f out, led inside final ong, no extra when headed n, btn 1½l by Factual (9-4) (5 ran) vcastle 7f nov (4) £5,400 AW).

CES.CO.UK HANDICAP 711; 5f. (9 runners)
Davidson 8-10-0 ..... **Jason Hart 98**
gley 6-10-0 ..... **Oisin Murphy 92**
lls 8-9-11 ..**Oliver Carmichael (7) ●99**
9-9 ..... **Connor Beasley 96**
6-9-6 ..... **Duran Fentiman 97**
r 6-9-5 ..... **James Sullivan 93**
0-9-5 ..... **David Nolan 89**
..... **Oisin McSweeney 88**
..... **Harry Vigors (5) 95**
nds, 5 Mark's Choice, Happier

av (A Keatley) drawn 8, 11 ran.

CLASSIFIED STAKES (DIV f. (10 runners)
9-9 ..... **James Sullivan 97**
er 5-9-9 ..... **Ethan Tindall (5) 96**
9-9-9 ..... **David Allan 89**
) ..... **Oisin Murphy ●99**
9 ..... **Cam Hardie 90**
..... **Oisin Orr 91**
..... **Connor Beasley 87**
3-9-2 ..... **Andrew Elliott 81**
erby 3-9-2 ..... **Joanna Mason 96**
..... **Cian Horgan (5) 84**
Dream, 6 Copper And Five

(S Whitaker) drawn 8, 10 ran.

FIED STAKES (DIV 2) 6); (10 runners)
9-9 ..... **David Egan 94**
erby 5-9-9 ..... **David Allan 95**
) ..... **Joanna Mason ●99**
rd 4-9-9 ..... **Jason Hart 90**
er 7-9-9 ..... **Mark Winn 89**
hompson 8-9-9.. **Aiden Brookes 82**
rd 3-9-2 ..... **Rhys Elliott (5) 90**
-2 ..... **Cam Hardie 83**
y 3-9-2 ..... **Harry Vigors (5) 82**
..... **Daniel Tudhope 94**
bai, 9-2 Evelyn's Phoenix
ivision 1.

DICAP (6); ; 1m 3f. (10 runners)
7-11-2 ..... **Mr D Perrin (7) ●99**
..... **Mr J Brown (5) 87**
..... **Mr A Blakemore (3) 97**
..... **Mr E Cagney 98**
-12 ..... **Miss A Collier 90**
..... **Miss S Watson (7) 86**
..... **Miss C Parker (5) 96**
es 6-10-10 ..... **Miss M Boucher 87**
..... **Miss N Biker (7) 90**
0-3 ..... **Miss E Brown (5) 96**
Catcher, 15-2 It's Only Fun

(J Candlish) drawn 9, 9 ran.

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TEMPLEGATE		TOM PEPPER	
1.45	Naval Cop	1.45	Naval Cop
2.20	Washington Royale	2.20	Texas Crown
2.55	Persian Gate	2.55	Geemann
3.30	Prince Ali	3.30	Ashford Hill
4.00	Angel's Call	4.00	Angel's Call
4.35	Thanos	4.35	Thanos
5.10	Control Room	5.10	Some Nightmare
5.45	Liberate	5.45	Stipulation

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, undulating, oval track of 2m, which joins the straight course 5f from home. All races up to a mile run on the straight course. ■DRAW: High numbers have a slight advantage in races up to a mile. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): J G O'Shea 20-153, G Harris 18-199, A Carroll 18-186. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 7, G Harris 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): F Marsh 15-111, Rossa Ryan 14-65, C Hutchinson 14-81, W Carson 12-111. THIS SEASON: Ashley Lewis 6, Rossa Ryan 5, Taylor Fisher 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Crystal Kraken (1.45), Lion Of Persia (1.45), Foxsbrush (2.20), Beechwood Glory (2.20), Ghost Story (5.45) trained at Newmarket. Round trip of 390 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

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1.45 WELSH RACING FESTIVAL 9TH-11TH OCT NURSERY (Class 6); 2-y-o; winner £3,768; 5f. (6 runners)

1 (4) 6758 **COURSEYOUDO 60** T Lacey 9-9 ..... **William Cox 80**
2 (2) 9735222 **CRYSTAL KRAKEN 22 (BF)** D Cunha 9-5 ..... **Rossa Ryan ●99**
3 (3) 530234 **OUR FELLA 22 (P★)** J Moore 9-5 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3) 96**
4 (1) 842 **LION OF PERSIA 47** R Cowell 9-5 ..... **Edward Greatrex 98**
5 (5) 465 **NAVAL COP 36** A Balding 9-4 ..... **Alfie Redman (7) 93**
6 (6) 70636 **DEVON ANGEL 22** B Millman 8-3 ..... **Laura Coughlan (3) 88**
BETTING: 13-8 Crystal Kraken, 11-4 Lion Of Persia, 5 Naval Cop, 15-2 Our Fella
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.20 NOAHS ARK CHARITY RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 6f. (7 runners)

1 (4) 367 **ANNA BELARDO 102** R Newland 9-7 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3) 83**
2 (7) 532 **BEECHWOOD GLORY 23 (BF)** J Butler 9-7 ..... **Lewis Edmunds 96**
3 (5) **CONSCIENTIOUS 32** A Watson 9-7 ..... **William Cox 72**
4 (2) 24203 **ISCHGL 31** C Murphy (Ire) 9-7 ..... **Rossa Ryan ●99**
5 (1) 022 **TEXAS CROWN 31** D Hitchins 9-7 ..... **William Carson 95**
6 (6) 455 **WASHINGTON ROYALE 34** M Appleby 9-7 ..... **Pat Dobbs 97**
7 (3) 70 **FOXSBRUSH 26** J Ryan 9-2 ..... **Finley Marsh 70**
BETTING: 2 Ischgl, 5-2 Washington Royale, 7-2 Beechwood Glory, 9-2 Texas Crown
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.55 PAVING FIELDS CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (4); winner £5,400; 6f. (6 runners)

1 (2) **LUCKY RADAR** B Millman 3-9-7 ..... **Edward Greatrex —**
2 (3) **FLAG OF NATIONS** W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-5 ..... **Lewis Edmunds —**
3 (6) 24-235 **PEROLA 91** R Hughes 3-9-5 ..... **Finley Marsh ●99**
4 (1) **5 PERSIAN GATE 15** A Watson 3-9-5 ..... **Rossa Ryan 82**
5 (5) 60-0533 **GEEMANN 14** J Tickle 3-9-3 ..... **Taylor Fisher 94**
6 (4) 525 **KODICALL 19** J Moore 3-9-3 ..... **William Cox 97**
BETTING: 13-8 Perola, 5-2 Kodicall, 5 Geemann, 8 Persian Gate, 10 Lucky Radar
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.30 RUNTECH LTD HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6); value to the winner £3,768; 7f. (11 runners)

1 (7) -06795D **MARGORIE 41** E J-Houghton 4-9-9 ..... **Callum Hutchinson 87**
2 (6) 2612554 **NAMMOS 19 (BF,D)** J & R Flint 6-9-8 ..... **Mason Paetel (3) 96**
3 (2) 6565354 **AJRAD 13 (C,D)** B Millman 8-9-6 ..... **Lewis Edmunds 95**
4 (8) 8736129 **PRINCE ALI 20 (C,D)** T Faulkner 8-9-5 ..... **Zoe Lewis (7) 90**
5 (10) 760-113 **ESCAPE MAGIC 37 (BF,CD)** O Burrows 3-9-4 ..... **Rossa Ryan ●99**
6 (4) -935687 **FULLSTOP 25 (H)** G Harris 3-9-1 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3) 89**
7 (3) 1486393 **ASHFORD HILL 20 (D)** D F Davis 5-9-0 ..... **Isobelle Chalmers (7) 95**
8 (5) 995-054 **BLUE POINT EXPRESS 62 (CD)** A Wintle 4-9-0 ..... **Finley Marsh 96**
9 (11) **9-0060B PACIFIC PRINCE 83** J Bennett 5-9-0 ..... **Laura Coughlan (3) 82**
10 (9) 808-740 **APLACEINTHESUN 20** O Sangster 3-8-11 ..... **Libby Swallow (7) 87**
11 (1) **00-0866 SNOW DAY 24** A Carroll 3-8-9 ..... **Myla Coppins (5) 83**
BETTING: 7-4 Escape Magic, 3 Ajrad, 13-2 Nammos, 7 Ashford Hill, 12 Margorie
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 3 3
2025: My Clementine 4-9-0 Finley Marsh 9-1 (A Wintle) drawn 4, 9 ran.

4.00 RUNTECH LTD HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6); value to the winner £3,768; 7f. (11 runners)

1 (9) 20-0468 **VAPE 13 (C)** J & R Flint 9-9-9 ..... **Amy Tucker (7) 86**
2 (3) 8952221 **ROVINIA 13 (D)** R Teal 4-9-7 ..... **Owen Lewis (5) ●99**
3 (5) **7979413 ANGEL'S CALL 19 (D)** N Evans 5-9-5 ..... **Ryan Kavanagh (3) 93**
4 (1) 7561524 **MARISITTA 13 (C)** J O'Shea 6-9-4 ..... **William Carson 96**
5 (10) 5446363 **EYE OF THE WATER 61 (D)** R Harris 10-9-1 ..... **Callum Hutchinson 97**
6 (4) 0-46 **IT'S A MUGS GAME 19** J Tickle 3-9-1 ..... **Taylor Fisher 90**
7 (8) 70-8060 **LADY MARGRET 17** A Carroll 4-9-0 ..... **Myla Coppins (5) 85**
8 (11) 5353348 **A ROSE ADAAY 10 (P★)** G Harris 4-9-0 ..... **Ben Ffrench-Davis (5) 88**
9 (2) 6-86 **LADY V 91** C Pike 3-8-12 ..... **Rossa Ryan 84**
10 (6) 46-39 **BIG MOONRISE 19** P Evans 3-8-9 ..... **Edward Greatrex 85**
11 (7) 5960 **KAIKO 10** A Wintle 3-8-9 ..... **Laura Coughlan (3) 86**
BETTING: Evens Rovinia, 4 Marisitta, 6 Angel's Call, 15-2 Eye Of The Water
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: See Division 1.

4.35 LSL RACING CHEPSTOW MILE SERIES FINAL HANDICAP (2); winner £20,616; 1m. (17 runners)

1 (5) 239-761 **REVELANCE 25 (CD)** R Beckett 4-9-12 ..... **Rossa Ryan ●99**
2 (16) 0827665 **TALIS EVOLVERE 12 (D)** R Hannon 6-9-6 ..... **Alec Voikhansky 93**
3 (2) 2556102 **NAKAAHA 25 (H;D)** G Harris 4-9-5 ..... **Callum Hutchinson 97**
4 (15) -584125 **KODI FIRE 25 (CD)** C Hills 4-9-2 ..... **Finley Marsh 93**
5 (11) 3115223 **EUTROPIA 38 (BF,D)** A Wintle 4-8-10 ..... **Edward Greatrex 95**
6 (10) -447213 **SPIRIT OF THE BAY 25 (CD)** J & R Flint 8-8-9 ..... **Mason Paetel (3) 98**
7 (9) 72-8715 **AUBURN AVENUE 25 (C)** J & R Flint 5-8-9 ..... **William Carson 91**
8 (17) 22-2113 **THANOS 60 (BF,CD)** H Charlton 3-8-9 ..... **Lewis Edmunds 92**
9 (6) 3155351 **RATING 13 (CD)** G Harris 5-8-7 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3) 96**
10 (4) -859555 **LAW OF DESIGN 13 (V★;BF)** I Williams 4-8-5 ..... **William Cox 90**
11 (13) 1883144 **MOONHALL LASS 30** J Tickle 4-8-2 ..... **Molly Keegan-Price (7) 89**
12 (14) 1441731 **TOO MUCH TREVOR 13 (C)** G Harris 5-8-2 ..... **Laura Coughlan (3) 94**
13 (1) -903321 **REDHOT WHISPER 22 (H;CD)** A Wintle 5-8-2 ..... **Connor Planas 97**
14 (12) 65-3413 **HOMELAND 37 (BF)** T Faulkner 4-8-2 ..... **Zoe Lewis (7) 92**
15 (7) 4467742 **THE BUREAU CLUB 22 (H)** C Pike 3-8-2 ..... **Olivia Tubb (5) 91**
16 (3) 4813778 **BOBBY DASSLER 13 (CD)** B Murphy (Ire) 7-8-2 ..... **Olivia Haines (7) 86**
17 (8) 9132263 **SCARFO 13 (CD)** B J Llewellyn & R Williams 5-8-2 ..... **Isobelle Chalmers (7) 89**
BETTING: 4 Revelance, 6 Eutropia, 10 Spirit Of The Bay, Nakaaha, Thanos, Rating, Talis Evolvere, 12 Too Much Trevor, Auburn Avenue
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8 5
2025: Dovey Moon 3-8-11 Jack Dace 11-1 (P Evans) drawn 9, 15 ran.

5.10 TOM'S BIG BIKE RIDE HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,397; 5f. (7 runners)

1 (5) 3111374 **MAGNA 35 (D)** A Carroll 4-9-13 ..... **Rossa Ryan 97**
2 (4) 21-2324 **CONTROL ROOM 25 (D)** G Harris 3-9-12 ..... **Edward Greatrex ●99**
3 (1) 5222167 **LEVEL UP 3 (V;CD)** P Evans 7-9-12 ..... **Pat Dobbs 95**
4 (3) 6231269 **SAVANNAH SMILES 13 (CD)** G Harris 6-9-9 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3) 88**
5 (7) 2724443 **CONNIE'S ROSE 13 (CD)** G Harris 7-9-8 ..... **Callum Hutchinson 97**
6 (6) 3-16679 **DOUBLE NAUGHTY 18** J Tickle 3-9-6 ..... **Taylor Fisher 84**
7 (2) 5433732 **SOME NIGHTMARE 13 (CD)** J O'Shea 9-8-9 ..... **William Carson 96**
BETTING: 11-4 Control Room, 3 Magna, 4 Some Nightmare, 5 Connie's Rose
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-9 1 2 5 2
2025: Some Nightmare 8-9-4 William Carson 7-1 (J G O'Shea) drawn 5, 7 ran.

5.45 DRAGONBET HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,768; 1m 2f. (6 runners)

1 (5) 9055921 **LIBERATE 7 (D)** J & S Best 4-10-0(5ex) ..... **Ashley Lewis (3) 98**
2 (3) 23-3343 **GHOST STORY 21 (D)** J Butler 5-9-9 ..... **Lewis Edmunds ●99**
3 (4) 6787325 **MEET ME IN MERAKI 19 (CD)** P Evans 5-9-5 ..... **Pat Dobbs 97**
4 (1) 3386762 **STIPULATION 22 (D)** M Loughnane 5-9-4 ..... **Callum Hutchinson 95**
5 (2) 75-7565 **ZAMBEZI MAGIC 39 (H;D)** B J Llewellyn & R Williams 9-9-2 ..... **William Cox 87**
6 (6) 09-6395 **STAYWITHERJOHNNY J23** C Murphy (Ire) 4-8-12 ..... **Rossa Ryan 93**
BETTING: 2 Liberate, 11-4 Ghost Story, 7-2 Stipulation, 6 Meet Me In Meraki
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

RACING RESULTS

BEVERLEY

1.40: 1 GALYX G Bass (5-2 fav); **2 Impartiality** (11-4); **3 Per Contra** (17-2). 10 ran. 3l; 1½l. J Channon. T: £3.50; £1.50, £1.30, £2.50. Ex: £9.80. Tricast: £50.33. Trifecta: £56.60. CF: £9.54. NR: Amancio, Bay Of Myths, Fox Avatar.

2.15: 1 JM JUNGLE J Hart (7-4 fav); **2 Argentine Tango** (11-2); **3 Badri** (16-1). 8 ran. ½l; nk. J & S Quinn. T: £2.75; £1.30, £1.60, £3. Ex: £11.50. Trifecta: £92.10. CF: £11.40. NR: Fluorescence, Heavenly Heather, Shagraan.

2.50: 1 PIVOTAL VOYAGE T Eaves (4-1); **2 Floral Maid** (25-1); **3 Cheeky Chesca** (8-1). 13 ran (Eleven Eighty Two 3-1 fav). nk; 3½l. K Ryan. T: £5; £1.90, £8, £2.50. Ex: £121.10. Trifecta: £2319.40. CF: £109.89.

3.20: 1 FINANCER D Allan (4-1); **2 On The River** (11-4 fav); **3 Highland Olly** (16-1). 11 ran. 1½l; ns. T Easterby. T: £5; £1.60, £1.40, £4.70. Ex: £16.40. Tricast: £165.63. Trif: £221.80. CF: £16.02. NR: Golden Redemption, The Sweet Escape.

3.55: 1 HARB J Hart (10-3); **2 Empress Olivia** (11-1); **3 Miss Brazen** (12-1). 12 ran (Tiriac 3-1 fav). 2½l; 1l. T Davidson. T: £4.34; £1.70, £3.50, £3.80. Ex: £43.70. Tric: £417.10. Trif: £521. CF: £40.24. NR: Managing Director, Oila, Ventura Express.

4.30: 1 COURT LEGEND Joanna Mason (6-1); **2 Bella Lucia** (10-3); **3 Inns And Out** (7-2). 9 ran (Printing Money 11-4 fav). ½l; nk. M & D Easterby. T: £7; £2.10, £1.40, £1.60. Ex: £25. Tricast: £81.21. Trifecta: £61.50. CF: £25.77. NR: Black Fury, Loveulongtime, Sunrise At Dawn.

5.05: 1 MARBUZET J Dickson (15-2); **2 Time Turner** (4-1); **3 Punxsutawney Phil** (12-1). 7 ran (Shopaholic 9-4 fav). shd; 19l. T Easterby. T: £8.50; £3.50, £2.40. Ex: £41.40. Tric: £350.30. Trife: £418.60. CF: £35.53. NR: Spooky Wooky.

PLACEPOT: £58.10 **QUADPOT:** £27

CORK

1.50: 1 EIGHTEENTH SMILES D McDonogh (14-1); **2 Roy Bean** (13-2); **3 Williamsburg** (4-1). 15 ran (Mirren 3-1 fav). shd; ¾l. J P O'Brien. T: €15; €3.40, €2.50, €1.60. Ex: €85. Trifecta: €878.80. CF: €102.58.

2.25: 1 SUNRISE ANGEL J S Dalton (5-1 co fav); **2 Cause I Like You** (8-1); **3 Sayonara** (11-1); **4 Beau Army** (7-1). 16 ran (Glamazon 5-1 co fav, Oppenheimer 5-1 co fav). 3½l; ½l; 1½l. A Slattery. T: €6.20; €1.60, €1.80, €1.90, €2. Ex: €55.70. Tric: €462.90. Trif: €809.60. CF: €47.14.

3.00: 1 BAMAKO BEACH J Heffernan (11-8 fav); **2 Benevento** (5-2); **3 Felix Guido** (66-1). 8 ran. 2½l; 7l. M O'Callaghan. T: €2.38; €1.10, €1.10, €7.90. Ex: €4.60. Trif: €74.60. CF: €5.04. NR: Gleneagle Bay.

3.30: 1 MAGNY COURS B M Coen (9-1); **2 Dancing Saxon** (4-1); **3 Spinning Around** (12-1). 12 ran (Catalina Delcarpio 15-8 fav). 2½l; hd. Daniel McLoughlin. T: €11.30; €2.70, €1.50, €4. Ex: €53.50. Tricast: €459.48. Trifecta: €473.30. CF: €46.87. NR: Pivotal Attack, Suzie Songs.

4.05: 1 LIKEDBYMIKE D G Keane (11-4 fav); **2 Erosandpsyche** (11-2); **3 Focaccia** (22-1). 8 ran. ¾l; 1½l. M Byrne. T: €3.80; €1.30, €2, €4.80. Ex: €21.10. Trif: €240.90. CF: €19.23. NR: Brussels, Rosie Frith.

4.40: 1 FEEL HAPPY Paddy Harnett (4-1); **2 Grande Cuvee** (3-1 fav); **3 She's Too Kool** (10-3); **4 Lilli's Angel** (12-1). 16 ran. hd; ½l; 1½l. Donnacha O'Brien. T: €6.20; €2.30, €1.60, €1.60. Ex: €25. Trif: €124.70. CF: €17.56. NR: Otsana.

5.15: 1 LAUDERDALE KING A J Slattery (2-1 fav); **2 Justenzia** (8-1); **3 Louiescall** (9-1); **4 Arch Enemy** (11-1). 18 ran. 2½l; ¾l; ½l. A Slattery. T: €3; €1.30, €2.20, €2.10, €2.20. Ex: €22.50. Tricast: €143.65. Trifecta: €301.10. CF: €20.52. NR: Beauvallon, Charlie Brow'n, Miss Australie.

PLACEPOT: €64.40

GOODWOOD

1.25: 1 GEORGE CROSS C Rodriguez (6-4 fav); **2 Flight Tracker** (7-2); **3 Somerton** (6-1). 8 ran. ¾l; ½l. O Burrows. T: £2.50; £1.10, £1.40, £1.80. Ex: £7.30. Trif: £25.60. CF: £6.88. NR: New Oxford.

2.00: 1 INSPIRED G Lee (4-1); **2 Oliver Show** (7-2 fav); **3 Rainbow Nebula** (10-1). 7 ran. 1l; ¾l. K Burke. T: £4.60; £1.90, £2.40. Ex: £15.80. Tric: £87.71. Trif: £109.70. CF: £14.40. NR: Drifts Away, Godwinson, Masked Warrior, Rhoscolyn. Masked Warrior| Rule 4 All Bets, 10p in £.

2.35: 1 FLASH HARRY R Ryan (15-8 fav); **2 Ardisia** (11-2); **3 Lakers** (7-1). 10 ran. 1l; ½l. C Cox. T: £2.88; £1.30, £2, £2.60. Ex: £15.30. Tric: £63.41. Trif: £114.40. CF: £12.53. NR: Fast Track Harry, Ferrous, Havana Hurricane, Purest Time, Zoulu Chief.

3.10: 1 LIGHT OF DAWN James Doyle (4-1); **2 Eabha** (18-1); **3 Coaxed** (8-1). 8 ran (Bayside View 11-4 fav). 1½l; ½l. K R Burke. T: £5; £1.70, £3.70, £2. Ex: £69.50. Tricast: £554.05. Trifecta: £592.80. CF: £70.22. NR: Martinet, Nuit D'eclair.

3.45: 1 ITICA O Murphy (22-1); **2 Gloryous** (7-4 jtfav); **3 Dunkeld Dreamer** (7-4 jtfav). 6 ran. 1½l; ½l. A Balding. T: £23; £5.70, £1.50. Ex: £51.30. Trifecta: £185.50. CF: £61.20. NR: Echalar, Unchartedterritory.

4.20: 1 MAXIDENT David Egan (7-4 fav); **2 Moon Over Miami** (4-1); **3 Personal Best** (9-2). 9 ran. 2½l; 1½l. K P De Foy. T: £2.75; £1.20, £1.60, £1.80. Ex: £10.10. Tricast: £26.79. Trifecta: £36.30. CF: £8.42. NR: Bahadur, Synergism.

4.55: 1 A MAJOR PAYNE O Murphy (9-2); **2 Si Grass** (14-1); **3 Obito** (4-1). 10 ran (Bearish 7-2 fav). ¾l; shd. M Bell. T: £5.50; £1.50, £3.80, £2. Ex: £74.20. Tricast: £277.31. Trifecta: £435.80. CF: £67.64. NR: First Ambition.

JACKPOT: £9,899.10, £13,802.97 carried over.
PLACEPOT: £28.80 **QUADPOT:** £13.60

YARMOUTH

2.20: 1 CAPITANO JOSEPI J Mitchell (11-2); **2 Extragalactic** (7-2); **3 Rocsana** (11-10 fav). 10 ran. hd; 1½l. K Frost. T: £8.20; £2.50, £1.50, £1.60. Ex: £38. Trif: £112.60. CF: £25.38. NR: Hidden Beyond.

2.55: 1 KINSWOMAN H Davies (4-9 fav); **2 Elara May** (7-1); **3 Fantasy Master** (13-2). 4 ran. ½l; 2½l. W Haggas. T: £1.45; Ex: £4.70. Trifecta: £8.80. CF: £4.14. NR: Adrestia, Dazzling Haze, Hypnotised, Michaela's Boy, Rocking Ends.

3.25: 1 SOMETHING SPLENDID M Ghiani (9-4 fav); **2 Patrol** (9-2); **3 Arundel** (10-1). 8 ran. hd; 1½l. P Chapple-Hyam. T: £3.25; £1.50, £1.60, £3.30. Ex: £13. Tricast: £80.26. Trifecta: £103.10. CF: £12.01. NR: Twilight Moon.

4.00: 1 COURT DRIVE J Mitchell (5-2 fav); **2 Methgal** (5-2 jtfav); **3 Insuspense** (11-2). 9 ran. ½l; 1½l. G Kelleway. T: £4.20; £1.80, £1.30, £2. Ex: £12.50. Tricast: £30.82. Trifecta: £50.20. CF: £8.26. NR: Kyoto, Von Krolock.

4.35: 1 PICKERING CASTLE J Haynes (12-1); **2 Campani** (9-4 fav); **3 Captive Beauty** (17-2). 11 ran. ½l; ½l. D M Simcock. T: £17.30; £4.20, £1.40, £2.90. Ex: £64.70. Tricast: £267.89. Trifecta: £694.30. CF: £41.98. NR: Court Of Session, Desert Charm, Giant.

5.10: 1 ECCLEFECHAN C Howarth (9-4 fav); **2 Piazza** (10-3); **3 Symphony Of Joy** (4-1). 5 ran. 2½l; 3½l. J Ryan. T: £3.25; £1.30, £1.80. Ex: £8.60. Trifecta: £32. CF: £10.02. NR: Amarachi, Captain Corelli, Crimson Rambler.

PLACEPOT: £9.60 **QUADPOT:** £4.60

DOG TIPS AND RETURNS

SELECTIONS

■**DUNSTALL PARK: 11.01 Tommys Ina (1-3-2) 11.18 Lynnia Trubbys (5-3-2) 11.34 Swift Ida (4-6-3) 11.52 Mohican Ruby (nap) (2-4-3) 12.09 Jimmys Gadgets (nb) (6-5-1) 12.26 Mercia Diana (1-3-6) 12.42 Sporting Mate (3-6-2) 12.59 Swift Elm (6-3-2) 1.17 Brosna Dave (6-5-2) 1.33 Swift Faelhem (4-1-5) 1.51 Burrows Blaze (3-5-2) 2.07 Strideaway Blunt (4-1-6)**

■**ROMFORD: 11.09 Ballybreen Rose (3-4-6) 11.27 Mickey Red (3-2-1) 11.43 Harley Hitch (5-6-4) 12.01 Jeopardy Panther (1-6-3) 12.18 Bacon Frazzles (4-2-3) 12.34 Chapel Gardens (2-1-5) 12.51 Biscuit Dunker (6-2-5) 1.08 Toems Bono (5-1-4) 1.26 My Little Olive (nap) (3-2-1) 1.42 Jeopardy Diva (nb) (1-4-2) 1.59 Coolanga Junior (5-4-1) 2.14 Raha Stevie (5-2-6)**

■**MONMORE: 2.23 Crafty Techno (nap) (4-2-1) 2.41 First Sight (4-6-2) 3.01 Vixons Cruise (nb) (2-3-6) 3.19 Aero Stormrage (5-4-2) 3.38 Bang On Hollie (6-1-3) 3.57 Tromora Finn (2-3-6) 4.16 Elderberry Luna (5-4-6) 4.34 Hollywell Mave (3-6-2) 4.53 Kurious George (6-2-4) 5.12 Anglesey Prince (3-6-1) 5.31 Like Lightning (6-1-5) 5.49 Thirty Seconds (4-2-1)**

RETURNS

■**SUNDERLAND: 11.09 Stonepark Patsy 4-1 (6-1-5 BAGS F £35.57 TC £77.67). 11.27 Emers Noddy 2-1 (1-4-3 £15.91). 11.43 Abbys Hope 7-2 (4-6-2 £11.38 TC £35.17). 12.01 Working Boots Evensf (2-6-5 £3.69). 12.18 Beechwood Kate 8-1 (4-2-3 £32.21). 12.34 Willows Hope 3-1 (6-1-4 £20.12). 12.51 Market Lough 5-1 (4-2-1 £25.80 TC £82.78). 1.08 Mid Tipp Fran 5-2 (6-4-3 £9.35 TC £18.05). 1.26 Ashwood Chanel 9-4 (1-4-2 £6.83 TC £25.90). 1.42 Duggies Stitch 9-4f (3-5-2 £10.26 TC £31.48). 1.59 Swift Tear 11-4 (2-1-4 £13.95). 2.14 Swift Mandy 15-8 (4-2-1 £11.92).**

■**SHEFFIELD: 2.29 Alien Bat 8-1 (5-2-1 BAGS F £32.23 TC £191.63). 2.48 Headford Mason 11-10f (2-4-6 £5.35). 3.07 Romeo Cobra 4-1 (6-1-4 £44.28). 3.26 Distant Fox 2-7f (1-2-4 £3.03). 3.44 Romeo Force 9-4 (3-5-6 £25.52). 4.03 Adelinesfirstdog 6-5f (1-4-6 £12.98 TC £20.12). 4.22 Jacktavern Turbo 1-2f (6-5-1 £17.13). 4.41 Savana Etna 11-10f (2-4-5 £6.47. 4.59 Honey Trigger 15-8 (1-4-2 £6.10). 5.18 Trickys Nala Evensf (5-1-3 £3.61).**

■**TOWCESTER: 2.36 Makeit Nissan 3-1 (1-6-3 BAGS F £15.22). 2.54 Jazzy Mia 13-8f (2-1-4 £5.07). 3.13 Savana Limani 11-4 (2-1-5 £5.25). 3.32 Savana Perama 6-5f (3-5-6 £2.93). 3.51 Harton Whirlwind 13-8 (3-4-6 £2.98 TC £3.87). 4.09 Keefill Mo 7-4 (4-2-6 £6.46 TC £43.89). 4.28 Romeo Arran 7-4jt (4-6-1 £8.00 TC £11.87). 4.47 Keefill Teak 2-1 (4-1-2 £7.30 TC £24.54). 5.06 Fabulous Rakiya 5-1 (5-3-2 £76.37)**

TEMPLEGATE

RACING'S NO1 TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

BLUE TULIP can bloom under Billy Loughnane (2.07 Southwell, nap).

He takes over on this three-year-old who showed promise when winning at Wolverhampton two runs ago. She put in a decent enough effort on turf at Ripon last time but this return to the all-weather can pay dividends. There looks to be a fair bit of juice in her handicap mark of 58.

FRENCH AFFAIR (5.15 Epsom, nb) can bring up a winning hat-trick. He won a hot handicap at Glorious Goodwood two starts ago before following up with a game success at Redcar last time. He will have no issue with this extra furlong and a 3lb rise in the weights is fair.

FILLY EILISH (3.51 Southwell, treble) was in excellent form when winning here two runs ago with lots in the tank. She didn't get the run of the race when forced out wide here latest. Better luck can see her in front again.

Give bookies plenty of Lip

★ TEMPLEGATE NAP	★ TEMPLEGATE NB	★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
BLUE TULIP	**FRENCH AFFAIR**	**FILLY EILISH**
2.07 Southwell	5.15 Epsom	3.51 Southwell
Saves her best for the all-weather and looks on a fair handicap mark.	Looking for a hat-trick after solid wins at Goodwood and Redcar.	Has enjoyed herself around here before and has been in excellent form.

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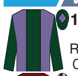
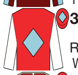
2.35 STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING JUVENILE HURDLE (Class 4); 3-y-o; winner £5,446; 2m 1f. (7 runners)
1 12 **VIETNORM 36 (BF,D)** A Keatley 11-5 ... **Oakley Brown (5) ●99**
2 1 **WICKSEY 63** B Haslam 11-5 ... **Richie McLernon 97**
3 5 **JAMBEAREE 86** B Ellison 10-12 ... **Patrick Wadge 78**
4 **LYNXMAN F130** M Sowersby 10-12 ... **Charlie Maggs (3) —**
5 **TIME TWISTER F23** M & D Easterby 10-12 ... **Jamie Hamilton —**
6 **WATCHA SNOOP F30 (T★)** A Nicol 10-12 ... **Ryan Mania —**
7 ROYAL BARONESS F87 R Smith 10-5 ... non-runner —
BETTING: 11-10 Vietnorm, 11-8 Wicksey, 10 Watcha Snoop, 20 Time Twister
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 1 2 1
2025: Dignam 11-10 J J Slevin 3-10 Fav (J P O'Brien(Ire)), 7 ran.

3.10 CAMPBELL & ROWLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (4); value to the winner £4,251; 2m 6f. (13 runners)
1 2132-1 **HANDMEDOWNASTAR 99** N Scholfield 6-12-0 ... **Sean Bowen ●99**
2 334-901 **FAIRLAWN SKIPPER 42 (CD)** M Bowen 6-11-7 ... **Shane Fenelon (5) 98**
3 323U-38 **DINONS 44 (D)** B Ellison 13-11-6 ... **Nathan Moscrop 86**
4 70-3395 **BELVEDERE BLAST 16 (T★,V)** A Keatley 8-11-6 ... **Oakley Brown (5) 93**
5 /160-P8 **BALLYEARL 41 (H)** L Morgan 5-11-4 ... **Danny McMenamin 85**
6 P73-112 **NOTTODAYBOBO 44** M Hammond 8-11-4 ... **Joshua Thompson (5) 97**
7 328-680 **RAUZAN 44 (V;D)** L Quinlan 6-10-13 ... **Sean Quinlan 90**
8 9-54535 **SECRET SECRET 2 (CD)** J Moffatt 10-10-10 ... **Brian Hughes 96**
9 P-22240 WELL EDUCATED 44 G Bewley 10-10-8 ... non-runner 92
10 2344-2 **ENYA 113 (BF)** J Moffatt 4-10-6 ... **Leah Norcei (7) 95**
11 54-417 **BIG GYPSY KING 42 (C)** J Moffatt 4-10-6 ... **Ryan Mania 91**
12 -067868 DUSKY DAYS 2 (V;C) J Moffatt 9-10-5 ... non-runner 86
13 76-2324 MASTERMINDING 2 (BF) J Moffatt 7-10-2 ... non-runner 94
BETTING: 11-4 Fairlawn Skipper, 7-2 Handmedownastar, 11-2 Secret Secret, 6 Nottodaybobo, 10 Belvedere Blast, 12 Enya, 20 Dinons
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 1
2025: Do No Wrong 9-11-7 Brian Hughes 9-4 Fav (Justin Landy), 9 ran.

3.45 EWGA HANDICAP HURDLE (GBB RACE) (2) winner £12,903; 3m 1f (7 runners)

1 441-34 **AL SAYAH F45 (V)**
N Mulholland 6-12-0 ... **Jack Tudor 94**
Runs: 15 Wins: 5 (5G) Places: 4 £40,549
Cosy win on Flat last month, set up nicely for this, player with A-game

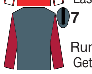
2 81/635 **SHALLOW RIVER 36 (D)**
O Murphy 10-12-0 ... **Sean Bowen 93**
Runs: 24 Wins: 4 (3S,GS) Places: 8 £80,283
Poor when last seen, previous form gives shout, on premises again


3 361112 **DIVILABOTHER 36 (T★;BF,C)**
T Davidson 8-11-13 ... **Harry Reed ●99**
Runs: 25 Wins: 4 (4G) Places: 10 £44,451
Won here in June and solid twice since, up weights but flying form

4 745P1- **IMPERIAL MERLIN 167**
J & S Quinn 9-11-12 ... **Sean Quinlan 95**
Runs: 23 Wins: 6 (S,3GS,2G) Places: 3 £47,203
In and out, off for a while, signed off with tough win, in mix if ready

5 4081-6 **KAYF DANCER 107**
M Bowen 8-11-10 ... **James Bowen 93**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £11,831
First go for this yard, Exeter win came from 4lbs lower, interesting

6 34-P8F **IMPERIAL DATA 79 (CD)**
R Menzies 9-11-7 ... **Richie McLernon 90**
Runs: 27 Wins: 7 (2S,4G) Places: 6 £70,560
Last win came in this last year, 6lb lower, interesting if market move


7 568-13 **BELLES BENEFIT 44 (B;C,D)**
B Case 10-10-9 ... **Harry Bannister 97**
Runs: 41 Wins: 5 (GS,4G) Places: 11 £53,045
Gets plenty of weight from field, solid form but at lower level, sniff

BETTING: 2 Divilabother, 4 Al Sayah, Imperial Merlin, 5 Belles Benefit, 8 Shallow River, 12 Kayf Dancer, 14 Imperial Data
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 4 1-4
2025: Imperial Data 8-10-13, R McLernon 3-1 JtFav (R Menzies), 8 ran.

TEMPLEGATE		TOM PEPPER	
2.35	Vietnorm	2.35	Watcha Snoop
3.10	Secret Secret	3.10	Fairlawn Skipper
3.45	Al Sayah	3.45	Divilabother
4.19	Tamarind Bay	4.19	Stratagem
4.55	Sean Og	4.55	King Roly
5.30	Getaway Jewel	5.30	Getaway Jewel

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, sharp and undulating track of 1m, with a 4f run-in. There are 6 fences and 4 hurdles per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): J Moffatt 42-275, B Haslam 22-106, S England 15-79, D Sayer 14-82. THIS SEASON: J Moffatt 8, M Bowen 5, M Hammond 3. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): S Bowen 23-120, Sean Quinlan 21-126, R McLernon 20-96, B Hughes 17-131. THIS SEASON: S Bowen 4, Sean Quinlan 4, R Mania 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Grand Clermont (4.19) & Karnaval Point (4.55) trained at Wellington. Round trip of 572 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: J Moffatt won the 4.19 in 2021 and 2022. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Kayf Dancer (3.45), Fairlawn Flyer (4.19). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.19 WICKS GROUP CAVENDISH CUP HANDICAP CHASE (3); winner £13,018; 3m 1f 107yds. (7 runners)
1 -612412 **GRAND CLERMONT 36** D Pipe 10-12-0 ... **Rian Corcoran (5) 97**
2 51-3213 **BREIZH RIVER 44 (V;C)** T Davidson 8-11-13 ... **Harry Reed 95**
3 323-11U **TAMARIND BAY 16 (BF)** M Bowen 6-11-10 ... **James Bowen 96**
4 686-124 **TOMMIE BEAU 44 (CD)** S Mullins 11-11-9 ... **Benjamin Macey (5) 95**
5 3P-2211 **CAUGHTINYOURTRANCE 44 (CD)** J Moffatt 7-11-7 ... **Brian Hughes 98**
6 14-3131 **STRATAGEM 42 (CD)** M Bowen 10-11-6 ... **Mr James Murray (7) ●99**
7 3P-4343 **FAIRLAWN FLYER 55 (CD)** M Bowen 10-10-8 ... **Sean Bowen 91**
BETTING: 3 Stratagem, 7-2 Caughtinyourtrance, 9-2 Breizh River, 5 Grand Clermont, 13-2 Tamarind Bay, 8 Fairlawn Flyer, 10 Tommie Beau
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 5 1 1
2025: Olivers Travels 7-11-2 Sean Bowen 9-4 Fav (M Bowen), 9 ran.

4.55 FGH HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (3); value to the winner £9,057; 2m 5f. (8 runners)
1 P50-33P **POUR LES FILLES 44** M Bowen 8-12-2 ... **Sean Bowen 89**
2 61-1316 **KARNAVAL POINT 36 (B)** D Pipe 6-12-0 ... **Rian Corcoran (5) 92**
3 46-P291 **KING ROLY 12 (B)** M Bowen 7-11-13 ... **James Bowen 98**
4 4829-24 **BLEU D'ENFER 50** D McCain 8-11-13 ... **Theo Gillard 94**
5 971/P-3 **COSSACK CHACH 71** L Russell & M Scudamore 6-11-10 ... **Derek Fox 87**
6 674-141 **SEAN OG 44 (CD)** D Sayer 8-11-0 ... **Sean Quinlan ●99**
7 P111115 **PASSENGERONTHESHIP 44 (BF,CD)** S England 7-10-13 ... **Jonathan England 96**
8 474-923 **JACK SPRAT 42** J Moffatt 8-10-2 ... **Brian Hughes 95**
BETTING: 5-2 King Roly, 3 Sean Og, 11-2 Karnaval Point, 8 Passengerontheship, Pour Les Filles, Jack Sprat, 12 Cossack Chach, Bleu D'enfer
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 4 PU
2025: Champagne Gold 10-11-11 A Stevens 33-1 (Greenall/Guerriero), 11 ran.

5.30 FURNESS RDA HANDICAP CHASE (5); value to the winner £4,357; 2m 1f. (8 runners)
1 5-22133 **GHASHAM 16 (BF)** S England 7-12-0 ... **Jonathan England 93**
2 55/P-PP **ACHILLE DES ROCS 40 (V★)** L Morgan 7-11-10 ... **Danny McMenamin 80**
3 243214- **FORCETORECKONWITH 130** O Greenall & J Guerriero 7-11-6 ... **Jack Tudor 90**
4 7644-78 **CUZCO DU MATHAN 44 (V;CD)** J Moffatt 8-11-4 ... **Leah Norcei (7) 86**
5 2635-P7 **WEARELONGTERM 42** D Sayer 9-10-9 ... **Peter Kavanagh 85**
6 4-23221 **GETAWAY JEWEL 12 (D)** M Hammond 12-10-8 ... **Brian Hughes ●99**
7 -67P257 **JUDICIAL REVIEW 2 (BF,C)** J Moffatt 8-10-7 ... **Callum Bewley 88**
8 U-UP720 **BLAZING COURT 2** J Dixon 8-10-7 ... **Mr John Dixon (7) 92**
BETTING: 7-4 Getaway Jewel, 4 Blazing Court, 5 Ghasham, 13-2 Judicial Review, 8 Forcetoreckonwith, 12 Cuzco Du Mathan, 14 Achille Des Rocs, 16 Wearelongterm
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Dexter 8-11-7 Henry Brooke 11-2 (O Greenall & J Guerriero), 8 ran.

PRO BETS
TOP TEAM: MAGNA (5.10 Chepstow) has won all three starts under today's jockey Rossa Ryan.
SUPER SPEED: TIME THIEF (2.30 Ripon) clocked a decent time when winning on debut at Yarmouth last time out.
GAMBLED ON: EDUARDO CALDERON (4.40 Epsom) was well backed before finishing third at Kempton.

DOWNPATRICK
GOING: GOOD

EAMONN HAMES	
2.12	Fox Walk
2.47	Granlahan
3.22	Majestic Horizon
3.55	Mickey Cohen
4.29	Robbies Rock
5.04	King's Son
5.39	Stuntman Steve

TOM PEPPER	
2.12	Euro Agent
2.47	He Who Dares
3.22	Fuusland
3.55	Seven Towers
4.29	Herja
5.04	Gorthill
5.39	Rightfolksplease

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed undulating track, 11f round with tight bends and stiff uphill finish. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): G Elliott 51-322, G Cromwell 22-140, J McConnell 19-185. THIS SEASON: D A McLoughlin 6, G Cromwell 5, . ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): K M Donoghue 19-82, D J O'Keeffe 9-104, . THIS SEASON: J J Slevin 2, R A Doyle 2. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Banphrionsa Alainn (2.47) trained Carlow. Round trip of 316 miles. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: G Elliott won the 3.22 in 2017, 2018 and 2025. J J Hanlon won the 2.47 in 2024 and 2025. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

2.12 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 2f. (9 runners)
1 /05- **CAP BERNAT 442** R McNeilly 13-11-12 ... **D Mullins**
2 0- **EBEN ZAABEEL F73 (T★)** A Martin 5-11-12 ... **D King**
3 5-72 **EURO AGENT 78** G Elliott 5-11-12 ... **D Gilligan**
4 F/0 **FAIRY MEADOW 38 (H)** E Mullins 9-11-12 ... **D Meyler**
5 -313 **FOX WALK 25** N Kelly 5-11-12 ... **S Torrens**
6 P102 **MR CAULFIELD 25** N Kelly 5-11-12 ... **C Stone-Walsh**
7 **TULLYNAKILL** S Crawford 5-11-12 ... **J Slevin**
8 08 **NELLIESTAR 12** T McGettigan 6-11-5 ... **P Cleary (7)**
9 P6 **GREENROAD GIRL 22** R Watson 4-11-2 ... **D O'Keeffe**
Mr Caulfield ●99, Fox Walk 93, Euro Agent 79.
6-4 Mr Caulfield, 5-2 Euro Agent, 4 Fox Walk, 10 Eben Zaabeel, 12 Tullynakill, 14 Cap Bernat, Fairy Meadow, 150 Nelliestar

2.47 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 2f. (12 runners)
1 -768 **RIPSNORTER 21 (H)** W Lanigan 5-12-0 ... **D Mullins**
2 2307 **LE DIABLO 21** J Ryan 5-11-10 ... **J Slevin**
3 60-0 **YOUKNOWTHECODE 30** G Elliott 4-11-10 ... **D Gilligan**
4 55P5 **PAHLAVI 15 (CD)** J Hanlon 9-11-9 ... **H Sexton (7)**
5 -PP6 **SOUTH OF KILLERIG 15** E Sheehy 6-11-8 ... **D Meyler**
6 946 **ECHINACEA 64 (P★)** N Kelly 4-11-7 ... **S Torrens**
7 -001 **HE WHO DARES F25** S Curling 5-11-4 ... **P Enright**
8 61P3 **MENAS MIRACLE 17** B Walsh 7-11-1 ... **Mr B Stone (7)**
9 0-05 **BANPHRIONSA ALAINN 17** A Leahy 5-10-7 ... **D O'Connor (7)**
10 -300 **FIRSTUPBESTDRESSED 12 (B★)** G McGill 6-10-6 ... **C Stone-Walsh**
11 3624 **GRANLAHAN 12 (BF)** A McGuinness 4-10-6 ... **D O'Keeffe**
12 0-60 **JOHN DIXEN 41** P Rothwell 4-10-0 ... **C Clarke (7)**
He Who Dares ●99, Le Diablo 98, Pahlavi 97.
5-2 He Who Dares, 9-2 Menas Miracle, 5 Granlahan, 8 Pahlavi, Le Diablo, 10 Echinacea, Banphrionsa Alainn, 12 Ripsnorter

3.22 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 6f. (10 runners)
1 7305 **TRIBAL MOON 22** N Kelly 5-11-12 ... **C Stone-Walsh**
2 2485 **CODED WELDER 18 (BF)** C Collins 7-11-4 ... **K Healy (7)**
3 2R **FORTIS ET LIBER 17** C Bowe 5-11-4 ... **R Doyle**
4 U4 **FUUSLAND 48** G Elliott 5-11-4 ... **D Gilligan**
5 1-33 **MAJESTIC HORIZON 101** P Rothwell 5-11-4 ... **D O'Keeffe**
6 48 **SALTY RACER 21** N Kelly 5-11-4 ... **S Torrens**
7 -PPU **TOMMY GO MAITH 7 (V★)** T McGettigan 5-11-4. **P Cleary (7)**
8 8905 **JOLLY D'OLIVATE 12** P Rothwell 7-10-11. **T Power Roche**
9 000- **SIX MILE SUZY 223 (T★)** W Bryson 6-10-11 ... **S O'Callaghan (3)**
10 2-47 **RITZ PLAN 48 (P★)** S Crawford 4-10-7 ... **J Slevin**
Ritz Plan ●99, Coded Welder 97, Tribal Moon 84.
7-4 Coded Welder, 9-4 Ritz Plan, 11-4 Majestic Horizon, 15-2 Tribal Moon, 14 Fortis Et Liber, 16 Fuusland, 20 Jolly D'olivate

3.55 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 6f. (11 runners)
1 -102 **BRUANT 25 (T★;C)** A Martin 5-11-12 ... **K Sexton**
2 3-1P **KASHCHEI 62** C Collins 6-11-12 ... **K Healy (7)**
3 6-31 **COZONE 79 (B;CD)** M Smith 9-11-11 ... **J Smith (5)**
4 7-P2 **SHINNHILL 22 (C)** N McKnight 9-11-10 ... **E Finegan (5)**
5 3391 **SEVEN TOWERS 12 (T★)** G Cromwell 5-11-9 ... **K Donoghue**
6 2204 **PENZANCE 15** J Hanlon 6-11-7 ... **H Sexton (7)**
7 2P18 **TOLKA ROW 17 (T★;CD)** D O'Brien 6-11-5 **S Flanagan**
8 6-71 **DOWN AROUND 21 (B)** G Elliott 9-11-4 ... **D Gilligan**
9 61-P **TELL NOBODY NOTHIN 107 (C)** N Meade 6-11-4 ... **J Halford (7)**
10 12-4 **MICKEY COHEN 50** N Meade 5-11-2 ... **D Meyler**
11 3040 **LOVE LIKE THIS 12** J Ryan 8-10-3 ... **D King**
Seven Towers ●99, Cozone 98, Love Like This 97.
3 Cozone, 4 Seven Towers, Down Around, 5 Bruant, 10 Kashchei, 12 Tell Nobody Nothin, Mickey Cohen, 14 Tolka Row, Shinnhill

4.29 BEGINNERS CHASE; winner €7,800; 2m 3f 100yds. (7 runners)
1 P-50 **BARTON SKY 21** J Hanlon 8-11-12 ... **R Doyle**
2 34-2 **JABBAR 24** G O'Leary 7-11-12 ... **T O'Connor (7)**
3 4-54 **KEVIN'S PRIDE 52 (B★)** J McConnell 7-11-12. **E Finegan (5)**
4 /F22 **KILLEEMORE LAD 18** A Slattery 8-11-12 ... **P Donovan**
5 42/8 **ROBBIES ROCK 34** G Cromwell 5-11-12 ... **K Sexton**
6 36-7 **SPINOLA BAY 41** G Elliott 6-11-12 ... **J Smith (5)**
7 3262 **HERJA 34** M Griffin 6-11-5 ... **H Sexton (7)**
Killeemore Lad ●99, Herja 91, Robbies Rock 86.
6-4 Killeemore Lad, 3 Jabbar, 9-2 Robbies Rock, 6 Herja, 8 Kevin's Pride, 10 Spinola Bay, 25 Barton Sky

5.04 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €6,000; 2m 3f 100yds. (15 runners)
1 U1U0 **DRIVEONWILL 34 (CD)** R O'Sullivan 6-12-0 ... **D Meyler**
2 -5P2 **GORTHILL 10 (C)** S Carlin 10-11-13 ... ----
3 9033 **KALSMAN 22 (H)** L Lennon 8-11-11 ... **K Buckley**
4 3243 **RUN FOR THE BORDER 21** J Ryan 6-11-9 ... **D King**
5 25/3 **FULL NOISE 27 (CD)** G McGill 10-11-8 ... **Mr D McGill (7)**
6 0-96 **WING BACK 45 (H)** S Curling 6-11-7 ... **P Enright**
7 0524 **MY CULLEN 17** J Hanlon 6-11-4 ... **D O'Keeffe**
8 16-7 **OUR ZEBO 10 (B)** N Kelly 7-11-3 ... **C Stone-Walsh**
9 2/PP **MY POLICY 38** P Rooney 7-10-13 ... **A Balfe (7)**
10 PP1U **NOT SO SERIOUS 17** W Lanigan 5-10-13 ... **J Slevin**
11 3667 **KING'S SON 27** S Neville 6-10-12 ... **P Donovan**
12 4-P1 **THE COBBLERS WIFE 18** A Mullins 8-10-10 ... **D Mullins**
13 P-03 **DEADHEAT 10** S McParlan 13-10-7 ... **Mr N McParlan**
14 8-5U **NOBODY 15 (H)** B Walsh 5-10-5 ... **J Williamson (3)**
15 P7-0 **BALTINGLASS HILL 110 (B)** P Rothwell 9-10-1. **S Torrens**
16 2457 **ANNARUBYROSE 24** I Donoghue 5-11-2 ... **RESERVE**
Gorthill ●99, Deadheat 98, Full Noise 97.
5 Full Noise, 11-2 Gorthill, 13-2 The Cobblers Wife, 8 My Cullen

5.39 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €9,000; 2m 2f. (7 runners)
1 U439 **WAR CORRESPONDENT 29 (B)** J Hanlon 7-11-13 ... **H Sexton (7)**
2 -601 **BEGGARS ROCK 23 (B)** I Donoghue 7-11-5 ... **K Sexton**
3 -PU5 **STUNTMAN STEVE 58 (B)** G Cromwell 7-11-4 ... **E Finegan (5)**
4 -110 **FINNIANS ROW 34 (B;CD)** D McLoughlin 10-10-13 ... **N Moore (5)**
5 5633 **PICCOLO PLAYER 27** J Ryan 5-10-10 ... **D King**
6 20P2 **PRESENTING LAD 15 (B★)** M McNiff 10-10-8. **P Enright**
7 /211 **RIGHTFOLKSPLEASE 18** D Queally 8-10-7 ... **K Healy (7)**
Piccolo Player ●99, Beggars Rock 98, War Correspondent 97.
2 Rightfolksplease, 9-4 Beggars Rock, 3 Presenting Lad, 6 Piccolo Player, 10 Stuntman Steve, 20 Finnians Row

Sun FORM
WAR CORRESPONDENT (9-9) 33-1 towards rear, no impression 2 out, never factor, 9th of 11 (btn 22l) to Blood Destiny (11-12) (Galway 2¼m hcap ch €18,000 good).
BEGGARS ROCK (11-10) 13-2 prominent, stayed on 2 out to lead before last, driven out run-in, bt Leave In Secret (11-7) 4¼l (8 ran) (Wexford 2m 3f hcap ch €7,200 good).
STUNTMAN STEVE (11-0) 28-1 tracked leaders, ridden 3 out, , no extra, 5th of 16 (btn 3½l) to Putapoundinthejar (11-9) (Bellewstown 2m 1f hcap hdle €36,000 good).
FINNIANS ROW (11-6) 25-1 tracked leaders, lost place after next, weakened, no danger, 16th of 20 (well btn) to Tell Us This (11-7) (Galway 2¼m hcap ch €10,200 good).
PICCOLO PLAYER (11-12) 4-1 mid-division, headway 3 out, ridden 2 out, no extra run-in, 3rd of 7 (btn 16l) to Hashtag Pretender (11-12) (Roscommon 2m 1f beg ch €7,800 soft).
PRESENTING LAD (12-0) 4-1 prominent, mistake 4 out, ridden last, kept on, not reach winner, btn ¾l by Kingdom Calling (10-13) (8 ran) (Tramore 2m hcap ch €6,000 good).
RIGHTFOLKSPLEASE (10-11) 7-4 mid-division, improved 2 out, led closing stages, kept on well, bt Churchwarden (11-12) 2¼l (6 ran) (Tramore 2m hcap hdle €9,000 good).

AND YOUR RUNNERS 'N RIDERS FROM ROSCOMMON
GOING: GOOD TO YIELDING (GOOD)

EAMONN HAMES	
4.50	Joga Bonito
5.25	Givehertilxmas
5.55	Merisi Diamond
6.25	Hazdann
6.55	Almazann
7.25	YOUCANSAYTHATAGAIN (nap)
7.55	Glen Echo (nb)

■TIC-TAC: R-H, sharp track of 1m 2f, with 3f run from final bend to finish. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): J P O'Brien 26-132, J Harrington 13-88, G M Lyons 11-53, G Cromwell 11-58. THIS SEASON: J P O'Brien 5, J Harrington 3, A Slattery 3. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): C T Keane 17-126, W J Lee 17-93, G F Carroll 16-94, B M Coen 14-92. THIS SEASON: S Foley 4, C T Keane 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Thyer (7.25) trained at Cork. Round trip of 302 miles. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: J P O'Brien won the 4.50 in 2020, 2023 and 2025, and won 6.55 in 2023 and 2024. G Cromwell won the 5.55 in 2022 and 2025, and won the 7.55 in 2022 and 2024. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.50 AUCTION STAKES; 2-y-o; winner €15,000; 7f. (9 runners)
1 (4) 4433 **SOUTH DAKOTA 28** A P O'Brien 9-8 ... **W Lordan**
2 (1) 6126 **FULL VOLUME 24** J Harrington 9-6 ... **S Foley**
3 (2) 4231 **JOGA BONITO 31 (D)** P Twomey 9-4 ... **W Lee**
4 (5) 3425 **LARS SOLDIER 13** M Mulvany 9-4 ... **W Joyce (3)**
5 (7) 145 **RULER'S CONTROL 34** J O'Brien 9-4 ... **J Sheridan**
6 (9) 6 **CUDAWUDASHUDA 59** G Lyons 9-0 ... **C Keane**
7 (3) 00 **PANHANDLE 8** G Cromwell 9-0 ... **G Carroll**
8 (6) 50 **THE LONG HAUL 15** T McCourt 9-0 ... **J Ryan**
9 (8) 7 **WUNDERSCHON 34** J Harrington 8-13. **K Kennedy (5)**
Ruler's Control ●99, Full Volume 98, Joga Bonito 92.
15-8 Ruler's Control, 5-2 South Dakota, 4 Full Volume

5.25 HANDICAP; winner €6,000; 7f. (15 runners)
1 (5) 6-03 **GIVEHERTILXMAS 62** G Keane 4-10-2 ... **C Keane**
2 (17) 0707 **PHOENIX PAIRC 11 (D)** W McCreery 4-10-2 ... **W Lee**
3 (18) -005 **ANGEL OF PROMISE 50 (B★)** E Lynam 4-9-13. **B Coen**
4 (13) 0405 **SHAMANKA 11** H Cleary 4-9-13 ... **J Cleary (5)**
5 (14) 5756 **BRAINS 11 (B;C)** R Donohoe 10-9-11 ... **S Coen (5)**
6 (8) 7558 **CISTERNA 29 (C)** A Slattery 3-9-9 ... **A Slattery**
7 (9) 3000 **JAMES HENRY 17 (D)** E McCarthy 7-9-8 ... **J Pietropaolo (7)**
8 (10) 3165 **GLEN BREEZE 26 (BF,D)** P Magee 3-9-6 ... **J Sheridan**
9 (16) 3502 **WHATSWRONGNOW 8** B Burke 5-9-6. **A Browne-Souza (7)**
10 (2) 9/99 **OITENTINHA 73** O McKiernan 4-9-2 ... **L McAteer**
11 (15) 0300 **QUEEN OF NEWARK 62** M Smith 3-9-2 ... **R Colgan**
12 (3) 0/7- **TAMAZU 361** F Birrane 7-9-2 ... **J Heffernan**
13 (6) 38-0 **SUNDAY SOVEREIGN 87 (H)** G Kingston 9-9-1 ... **Z McMullan (10)**
14 (7) 5474 **LA CAMPANELLA 6 (V★)** G Keane 4-8-12 ... **J Ryan**
15 (1) 0616 **BULLET BOURBON 16 (D)** T McCourt 3-8-10 ... **R Whearty**
16 (4) 9-07 **GORDON BENNETT 8 (B★)** P Fahey 8-9-9 ... **RESERVE**
17 (11) -436 **DRAIOCHT 6** T O'Mara 6-8-12 ... **RESERVE**
18 (12) 700B **DISTILLATE 6 (D)** A McGuinness 6-9-9 ... **RESERVE**
Whatswrongnow ●99, Draiocht 98, Shamanka 97.
4 Givehertilxmas, 9-2 Whatswrongnow, 6 La Campanella

5.55 HANDICAP; winner €12,000; 7f. (13 runners)
1 (13) 3911 **EDDIE G 34 (D)** A McGuinness 5-10-0 ... **S Coen (5)**
2 (8) 0000 **ENGINES ON 2 (D)** J Kinsella 6-9-13 ... **C Hayes**
3 (12) /50- **PLUME NOIRE 352 (D)** G Keane 8-9-10. **J Kearney (3)**
4 (11) 2237 **EARLS 13 (B;BF,CD)** G Cromwell 9-9-8 ... **G Carroll**
5 (10) -720 **TOKYO TREASURE 13** P Foley 4-9-8 ... **J Sheridan**
6 (3) 3144 **GOAL EXCEEDED 22 (D)** A McGuinness 5-9-7 ... **A Caffrey**
7 (9) 2537 **GAVOO 9 (B★)** D Marnane 3-9-6 ... **L McAteer**
8 (6) 5093 **MOREHAMPTON 24 (D)** J Murtagh 3-9-5 ... **B Coen**
9 (1) 20U3 **PUNICA GRANATUM 16 (P★;BF)** J Harrington 3-9-4. **S Foley**
10 (4) 4030 **HIGHBURY SEE SEE 66 (D)** A Slattery 4-9-3 ... **A Slattery**
11 (2) 6731 **MERISI DIAMOND 134 (CD)** T Coyle 7-9-2 ... **W Lee**
12 (5) -428 **MERCURIAL 13** J Nallen 7-9-1 ... **J Heffernan**
13 (7) 2-63 **NINTH CRUSADE 11** M O'Callaghan 3-9-0 **C Keane**
Eddie G ●99, Earls 98, Merisi Diamond 97.
4 Eddie G, 9-2 Morehampton, 11-2 Merisi Diamond, 6 Punica Granatum, 13-2 Goal Exceeded, 7 Ninth Crusade, 10 Gavoo

6.25 STAKES; winner €10,800; 1m 2f. (5 runners)
1 (5) /4-7 **HAZDANN 85** D Weld 4-9-10 ... **C Hayes**
2 (2) 1243 **GOD OF POWER 24** A Slattery 3-9-7 ... **A Slattery**
3 (3) 14 **HANDSHAKE 39** J O'Brien 3-9-7 ... **S McCullagh**
4 (1) 4208 **DIAL ME IN 32** J O'Brien 3-9-3 ... **D McDonogh**
5 (4) 1476 **SINMARA 47** J O'Brien 3-9-2 ... **J Sheridan**
Dial Me In ●99, Sinmara 95, Hazdann 94.
6-4 Hazdann, 5-2 Sinmara, 4 Dial Me In, 9-2 God Of Power

LONG SHOT
ENYA (3.10 Cartmel) makes her debut for local hero James Moffatt who puts her straight into this handicap.

6.55 MAIDEN STAKES; winner €7,200; 1m 4f. (16 runners)
1 (12) 30 **COOLNAGRATTAN 33 (H)** W Crawford 4-10-3 ... **J Heffernan**
2 (4) 007 **NOTHINGBUTADREAM 16 (H)** C Timmons 4-10-3 ... **J Ryan**
3 (2) 0- **NUGENTSTOWN SUE 278** H Finegan 7-9-12 ... **N Burns (5)**
4 (18) 5-34 **SHEMIYKA 26 (V;BF)** M O'Callaghan 4-9-12. **S Davis**
5 (17) 222 **ALMAZANN 13** D Weld 3-9-8 ... **C Hayes**
6 (5) **DAILY WONDER** T McCourt 3-9-8 ... **S Tormey (7)**
7 (8) 6 **FOUR BALL 80 (T★)** C Murphy 3-9-8 ... **L McAteer**
8 (13) **NEMORINO** H Bromhead 3-9-8 ... **R Colgan**
9 (6) 6 **PLUG IN HYBRID 25** N Meade 3-9-8 ... **C Keane**
10 (14) **PURPLE BANDIT (B★)** J Harrington 3-9-8 ... **S Foley**
11 (9) 5524 **COSMETIC 31 (BF)** A P O'Brien 3-9-3 ... **W Lordan**
12 (1) -226 **I HOPE YOU DANCE 89** H Bromhead 3-9-3 ... **G Carroll**
13 (15) **KIGALIENNE** J Harrington 3-9-3 ... **S McCullagh**
14 (10) 542 **MAWHIBAH 16 (BF)** J O'Brien 3-9-3 ... **J Sheridan**
15 (7) 6253 **MISS ROMAGNA 51** W McCreery 3-9-3 ... **W Lee**
16 (11) 40 **SHAMBATA 80** J Murtagh 3-9-3 ... **B Coen**
17 (19) 8 **METALLIC 16** J O'Brien 3-9-8 ... **RESERVE**
18 (16) 0 **GENTLE SODA 13** E McNamara 3-9-3 ... **RESERVE**
19 (3) 96 **MICHINAGA 13** C Weld 3-9-8 ... **RESERVE**
Almazann ●99, I Hope You Dance 97, Shambata 95.
15-8 Almazann, 9-2 Cosmetic, 13-2 I Hope You Dance, 15-2 Miss Romagna, Mawhibah, 10 Shemiyka, Coolnagrattan, 12 Shambata

7.25 HANDICAP; winner €9,000; 1m 4f. (16 runners)
1 (18) 00-0 **SEA EAGLE J24 (C)** G O'Leary 6-10-0 ... **J Cleary (5)**
2 (11) 2610 **SUPERFICIAL 30 (CD)** A McNamara 4-10-0 . **G Ryan**
3 (5) 6532 **THYER 15 (BF)** M Ahern 5-9-13 ... **L Roche**
4 (6) 4-60 **FRATAS 30 (BF,D)** J O'Brien 6-9-12 ... **J Sheridan**
5 (10) 71/9 **NEPTUNES STAIRCASE 156 (CD)** G Lyons 6-9-12 ... **C Keane**
6 (7) 9957 **ROYAL SAXO 30 (T★)** A Martin 6-9-12 ... **R Colgan**
7 (2) 1965 **MERLIN THE WIZARD 16 (P★;D)** R Cody 6-9-10 ... **S Coen (5)**
8 (8) 6803 **ZOFFMAN 16 (D)** N Meade 7-9-8 ... **N Burns (5)**
9 (3) 1761 **FARO ISLAND 32 (D)** A Oliver 4-9-7 ... **G Carroll**
10 (9) 5082 **FLYING FORTRESS 62 (B)** G Cromwell 4-9-7 ... **R Whearty**
11 (1) 715 **YOUCANSAYTHATAGAIN 15** A Oliver 3-9-7. **W Lee**
12 (4) -244 **LETIZA 9** A Slattery 6-9-6 ... **A Slattery**
13 (17) 6321 **STELLAR MOMENT 31 (D)** J O'Donoghue 3-9-3. **R Mulligan (5)**
14 (19) 8710 **ADEL 62 (CD)** M O'Callaghan 3-9-1 ... **J Powell**
15 (16) 5313 **LORD AUS 39 (BF,D)** J Murtagh 3-9-0 ... **B Coen**
16 (12) -605 **RYEFIELD DASHER 35** T Gibney 3-8-9 ... **C Hayes**
17 (13) 5083 **SUMMER SNOW 13** P Lawlor 6-9-3 ... **RESERVE**
18 (15) -900 **DUKE OF LEGGAGH 13 (CD)** M Mulvany 6-9-2 ... **RESERVE**
19 (14) 4/01 **L'UN DEUX TROIS 24 (B;D)** O McKiernan 10-9-0 ... **RESERVE**
Thyer ●99, Flying Fortress 98, Faro Island 97.
7-2 Thyer, 5 Flying Fortress, 7 Stellar Moment, Faro Island, 8 Youcansaythatagain, 10 Letiza, Fratas, Lord Aus

7.55 HANDICAP; 3-y-o; winner €6,000; 1m 4f. (16 runners)
1 (5) 0033 **GLEN ECHO 38** G Cromwell 10-2 ... **G Carroll**
2 (3) 8482 **NATHEMA 16** A Slattery 10-2 ... **A Slattery**
3 (17) 6070 **PRIORSTOWN 31 (P★)** J Murtagh 10-2 ... **B Coen**
4 (12) 2319 **WIPEAWAYYOURTEARS 49 (D)** M Butler 10-2 ... **G Ryan**
5 (16) 7350 **SIR TRANCEALOT 49** J Murtagh 10-1 ... **J Heffernan**
6 (6) 0-09 **OH I DO DECLARE 138** R O'Brien 9-13 ... **S McCullagh**
7 (15) 0048 **RAVENS CAN FLY 51 (P★)** A Slattery 9-13 ... **A Browne-Souza (7)**
8 (14) 6251 **CANON LAW 26** B Duke 9-12 ... **R Cleary**
9 (11) 5068 **PREMIER PRINCESS 91 (P★,T★)** D Hogan 9-11. **J Sheridan**
10 (4) 0670 **CAPTAIN CON 58 (B★)** N Meade 9-10 ... **C Keane**
11 (7) -003 **ELLENS BAY 26** C Murphy 9-10 ... **L McAteer**
12 (18) -852 **AUGUSTA ROCK 45 (B,T★;BF)** J O'Brien 9-8 ... **D McDonogh**
13 (1) 0608 **FLAGSTONE LADY 49** M O'Callaghan 9-8. **J Kearney (3)**
14 (10) 7000 **NOSMOKEWITHOUTFIRE 37** T McCourt 9-7 ... **J Ryan**
15 (2) 0870 **TINTINABULLA 49 (T★)** S Lavery 9-6 ... **R Holohan (7)**
16 (19) 96-6 **MINELLA BUOY J11 (H)** J Nallen 9-2 ... **W Lee**
17 (13) 06-0 **PRINCESS ROSIE 26** P Cluskey 9-10 ... **RESERVE**
18 (8) 5007 **ELZAAM EXPRESS 26** G Cromwell 9-2 ... **RESERVE**
19 (9) 0955 **CURIOUS JANE 26** C Murphy 9-0 ... **RESERVE**
Augusta Rock ●99, Nathema 98, Canon Law 97.
15-8 Canon Law, 7-2 Augusta Rock, 5 Nathema, 7 Glen Echo

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PACKS A PUNCH . . . new Chelsea keeper Martinez jumps for joy in win over Brighton

I'd glove to win the title

EMI'S BLUES TARGET AS HE SIGNS... THEN STARTS

INK-REDIBLE . . Martinez signs on the dotted line for the Blues after chats with club legends

By JACK ROSSER

EMI MARTINEZ declared he has joined Chelsea to win the title — after being chucked in at the deep end.

The new Blues goalkeeper was announced as a £7.5million arrival from Aston Villa yesterday morning.

He went straight into the starting XI, conceding three to Brighton, but helped to claim a second straight Premier League win for Xabi Alonso.

Martinez consulted Stamford Bridge legends Petr Cech and John Terry – whose No26 shirt he has taken – before agreeing his two-year deal.

The 2022 World Cup winner is not afraid to set his sights high, despite Chelsea only finishing a dismal **TENTH** last season. Martinez, who turns 34 on Wednesday, said: "I spoke with legends Terry and Cech.

"I know how big this club is and what we want to achieve this season. I came here to help.

"I had an amazing seven years at Villa. I've come here to challenge and try to win the Premier League.

"I trained only one day with the team. The guys have treated me really well in the last day or two.

"I know the talent we have up front. I try to bring that solidity at

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PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

CHELSEA (3) 4 — BRITTON (1) 3
Lavia 4
Pedro Neto 14
Joao Pedro 32
Palmer 74
Yalcouye 35
Pedro 63 (og)
Gross 90

Chelsea: Martinez, Fofana (Acheampong 68), Lacroix, Colwill (Chavarria 72), Pedro Neto (M Caicedo 68 (Barco 82)), Gusto, Lavia (James 68), Hato, Palmer, Rogers, Joao Pedro. Subs not used: Bynoe-Gittens, Welbeck, Estevao, Penders. Booked: Fofana.

Brighton: Verbruggen, Wieffer (Costinha 80), Veskovic, Dunk, Kadioglu, Gross, Boscagli, Gomez, Yalcouye (Osman 74), De Cuyper, Kostoulas (David 80). Subs not used: Steele, Struijk, Hasjam, Cozier-Duberry, O'Riley, Oriola. Booked: Boscagli, Costinha, Dunk.

LEEDS (0) 1 — BRENTFORD (1) 1
Calvert-Lewin 79
Schade 41
Att 35,974

Leeds: Trafford, Rodon (Elvedi 34), Bijol (Tanaka 46), Muharemovic, Bogle (James 68), Ampadu, Stach, Justin, Aaronson (Wilson 46), Okafor (Nmecha 69), Calvert-Lewin. Subs not used: Cairns, Gudmundsson, Longstaff, Gnonto.

Brentford: Kelleher, Kayode (Wilson 88), Ajer, Collins, Lewis-Potter (Dioul 88), Sangare, Janelt, Anthony (Ouattara 61), Damsgaard (Yarmolyuk 69), Schade (Hickey 88), Thiago. Subs not used: Valdimarsson, Henry, Carvalho, Schuster. Booked: Ajer, Anthony, Collins, Janelt.

MAN. UNITED (1)5 — IPSWICH (1) 2
Fernandes 40, 61 (pen), 68
Greaves 56 (og)
Mbeumo 82
Davis 29
Akpom 90
Att 74,148

Man Utd: Lammens, Dalot (Yoro 74), Maguire, Martinez, Shaw (Mazraoui 73), Mainoo (Santos 80), Mbeumo, Fernandes, Rashford (Dorgu 80), Cunha (Sesko 80). Subs not used: Darlow, Zirkzee, Heaven, Lacey. Booked: Mbeumo.

Ipswich: Scherpen, O'Shea, Diop, Greaves, Davis, Lukic (Ouattara 73), Nunez (Palacios 62), Fatawu (McAteer 84), Enciso, Maeda (Furlong 73), Emerson (Akpom 46). Subs not used: Walton, Kipre, Walle, Clarke. Booked: Fatawu, Greaves, Lukic.

SUNDERLAND (0)1 — FULHAM (0) 0
Isidor 75
Att 46,781

Sunderland: Roefs, Meunier, Mukiele, Ballard, Mandava, Xhaka, Sadiki, Hume, Le Fee (Mundle 90), Angulo (H Diarra 65 (Rigg 83)), Brobbey (Isidor 64). Subs not used: Ellborg, Talbi, O'Nien, Alderete, Ahoka.

Fulham: Leno, Castagne (Sessegnon 68), Andersen, Bassey, Robinson, Berge (Kevin 83), Iwobi, Bobb (Charles 68), King, Palacios (Smith Rowe 77), Garcia. Subs not used: Leoorme, Cuenca, Reed, Rodrigo Muniz, Zepa. Booked: Andersen, Palacios.

PLAYED SATURDAY

AFC B'MOUTH (1)1 — EVERTON (0) 1
Scott 41
Tarkowski 90

AFC Bournemouth: Petrovic, Smith, Hill, Silva, Truffert, Cook (Adams 69), Scott (Christie 87), Rayan, Kluivert (Brooks 81), Tavernier, Evanilson (Rodriguez 81). Subs not used: Di Gregorio, Soler, Doak, Diakite, Jebbison. Booked: Scott, Smith, Tavernier.

Everton: Pickford, Rohl (Iroegbunam 87), Tarkowski, Branthwaite, Mykolenko, Armstrong (Alcaraz 87), Garner (Hackney 62), Ndiaye, Dewsbury-Hall, George (Johnson 62), Barry (Beto 70). Subs not used: Travers, Keane, O'Brien, Dibling. Booked: Alcaraz, Garner.

COVENTRY (0) 0 — HULL (0) 1
Att 31,239
Millar 82

Coventry: Rushworth, van Ewijk, Thomas (Pinnock 78), Amenda, Dasilva, Yienkiyi (Overgaard 71), Grimes, Tchaouna (Sakamoto 59), Rudoni (Hamer 71), Mason-Clark (Thomas-Asante 58), Awoniyi. Subs not used: Bentley, Simms, Kitching, Latibeaudiere. Booked: Amenda.

Hull: Tzolakis, Coyle (Drameh 46), Ajayi, Egan, Mendy (Herrington 59), Giles, Belloumi (Cho 83), Slater, Morita (Gourna-Douath 46), Stroud (Millar 59), McBurnie. Subs not used: Phillips, Hjerto-Dahl, McNair, Targett. Booked: Coyle, McBurnie, Slater, Stroud.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Hull	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Chelsea	2	2	0	0	7	5	6
Brentford	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Newcastle	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Everton	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Leeds	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Brighton	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Man Utd	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Sunderland	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Ipswich	2	1	0	1	4	6	3
Liverpool	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Bournemouth	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Nottm Forest	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Fulham	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Aston Villa	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Coventry	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Crystal Palace	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Tottenham	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 — N FOREST (1) 2
Isak 60
Munoz 82
Ndoye 24
Gibbs-White 70 (pen)

Liverpool: Alisson, Frimpong (Gravenberch 71), Jacquet (Araujo 77), van Dijk, Kerkez (Tsimikas 71), Szoboszlai, Mac Allister (Nyoni 77), Gakpo (Ngumoha 71), Wirtz, Munoz, Isak. Subs not used: Mamardashvili, Endo, McConnell, Koumas. Booked: Alisson, Araujo, Munoz, Wirtz.

Nottm Forest: Sels, Jair Cunha, Milenkovic, Murillo, Aina (Netz 86), Schlager, McAtee (Hudson-Odoi 90), Williams, Ndoye (Delap 66), Gibbs-White, Igor Jesus (Dominguez 90). Subs not used: John Victor, Dismande, Wood, Yates, Abbott. Booked: Aina, Igor Jesus.

TOTTENHAM (0) 0 — NEWCASTLE (0) 2
Att 61,025
Elanga 62
Wissa 72

Tottenham Hotspur: Kinsky, Gray (Moore 68), van Hecke, van de Ven, Robertson (Udogie 68), Bentancur, Tonali (Solanke 75), Porro, Fernandes, Tel (Kudus 68), Marmoush. Subs not used: Dubravka, Senesi, Gallagher, Bergvall, Davies. Booked: van de Ven.

Newcastle: Hornicek, Dedic, Thiaw, Botman, Hall, Gonzalez (Steur 71), Miley, Elanga (Murphy 82), Willock (Woltemade 71), Barnes (Toure 90), Wissa (Ramsey 82). Subs not used: Jaouen, Schar, Bamba, Shahar. Booked: Botman, Gonzalez.

PLAYED FRIDAY

C PALACE (0) 1 — MAN CITY (1) 4
Donnarumma 56 (og)
Haaland 17, 84
Cherki 54, 59

Crystal Palace: Henderson, Canvot, Richards, Tomiyasu (Disasi 74), Khalaili (Mingueza 75), Wharton, Kamada, Mitchell, Pino (Gozo 68), Nketiah (McNeil 68), Larsen (Guessand 63). Subs not used: Benitez, Munoz, Lerma, Hughes. Booked: Khalaili.

Man City: Donnarumma, Khusanov (Vitor Reis 89), Dias, Guehi, Gvardiol (Kovacic 75), O'Reilly (Braithwaite 89), Anderson (Bouaddi 82), Foden, Cherki (McAidoo 82), Semenyo, Haaland. Subs not used: Rulli, Ait Nouri, Echeverri, Lewis. Booked: Anderson, Cherki.

LEADING SCORERS

Fernandes	(Man Utd)	3
Cherki	(Man City)	2
Palmer	(Chelsea)	2
Elanga	(Newcastle)	2
Joao Pedro	(Chelsea)	2
Hinshelwood	(Brighton)	2
Haaland	(Man City)	2

ASSISTS

Cherki	(Man City)	2
Foden	(Man City)	2
Enciso	(Ipswich)	2
Joao Pedro	(Chelsea)	2
Evanilson	(AFC Bournemouth)	2

CLEAN SHEETS

Tzolakis	(Hull)	2

BLOODY Blues will stress Xabi

By JACK ROSSER

XABI ALONSO'S black hair will be grey in a flash if this is the path he wants to take Chelsea down.

One week, three wins, nine goals scored, five conceded.

Two narrow wins in the Premier League have raised expectations in West London. But haphazard defending and an ingrained habit of switching off when it matters most will give the new boss sleepless nights.

Into the heady mix walked a new, volatile goalkeeper too. So welcome to Chelsea, Emiliano Martinez.

Stamford Bridge, where you will be busier than ever but, somehow, still win. Where one minute you are on the way to the title, the next hanging on for dear life.

The Argentine was confirmed hours before kick-off, thrown straight in and left the pitch with his head spinning.

For the fourth straight Premier League meeting, Chelsea shipped three against Brighton. The one change from the last three occasions was that they won.

Just as at Fulham on the opening day, the front three were devastating. Joao Pedro and Cole Palmer were on the scoresheet again, this time joined by Romeo Lavia and Pedro Neto.

Chelsea.....4
Lavia 4; Neto 14; Pedro 32; Palmer 74

Brighton.....3
Yalcouye 35; Pedro (og) 63; Gross 90

A shambolic spell either side of the break let Brighton back in and showed a new keeper cannot fix every ill.

But Palmer's wonderful finish ensured Pascal Gross' header for the visitors in the final seconds meant little to those in the stands.

Alonso's ruthless decision in goal – axing calamity Robert Sanchez from the squad altogether – has gone down well.

By the end, the Blues fans were serenading their new boss – something to which Enzo Maresca and Liam Rosenior were never treated.

The only true downer on the day was the sight of Moises Caicedo limping down the tunnel 14 minutes after he had been sent on.

Considering the Seagulls were missing a cast of key attacking talent, their response and resolve was remarkable.

But it did give Chelsea the chance to make a statement, something it looked as if they would do at a canter.

Lavia's opener was scrappy, coming courtesy of an ugly cock-up by Mats Wieffer and Bart Verbruggen from a corner which allowed the midfielder to prod in from a few yards out.

With Enzo Fernandez – absent from the squad again – heading for Manchester and no obvious replacement yet sourced, we should be seeing a lot more of Lavia as long as he can stay fit.

After Brighton had opened the door, Chelsea walked through it with style.

While there is much work to be done behind them, Malo Gusto was partnering Lavia in midfield, the front line looks as sharp as any out there and the two full-backs either side of the unconventional midfield pair were flying forward with relish.

Neto, who could still be sold by Tuesday, started as a wing-back and

FAST SHOW . . . Lavia is off the mark on four minutes

HITTING THE NETO . . . Portuguese is next to score

LOOKS THREE-SY . . . Pedro has Blues fans singing

HOT COLE . . . after missing a sitter, Palmer makes no mistake

GLOVE

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the back. I know it wasn't a perfect game. But in the end, winning and moving on is what we need.

"I am here for a reason. The front three is amazing. When we go forward, we can hurt teams. We had a lot of chances. Cole Palmer and Joao Pedro had chances to kill the game.

"But at the back, we need to bring the goals down."

After his first and only training session before facing the Seagulls, Martinez met with Alonso to make sure he was ready to go straight in. The Chelsea boss said: "With Emi, he's a World Cup winner, 33 years old, experience all around.

"I spoke with him yesterday and he felt ready — and even though a keeper wants to have a clean sheet I am happy with his first impact.

"Day-by-day we will feel his presence because he has this charisma, this aura to influence and to have a positive connection with the team."

Martinez was kept busy, with Chelsea leading 3-0 after 32 minutes, only to allow a Brighton side missing six players back in.

Seagulls boss Fabian Hurzeler *(above)* said: "The injuries are part of football — the boys showed attitude and personality. There was belief and quality and we dominated at points."

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out if they keep this up

snatched the second, a move started by Jorrel Hato. His throw, via a header from Pedro, had Morgan Rogers charging in behind to cut back and give Neto a tap-in for his first of the season.

Having bagged his goal, the Portuguese should have been quickly rewarded with an assist were it not for some horrendous finishing from Pedro.

Chelsea's No9 was on the receiving end of a barrage of abuse few would think the Albion fanbase capable of, having left Sussex for Stamford Bridge two years ago.

But it is a mark of how far he has come – and the confidence with which he is playing – that the next chance to fall his way resulted in a ballsy celebration right in front of the Seagulls fans.

Hato, set on a lung-buster of a run by Rogers, slid to square for Pedro, who found the net with no mistake this time.

Three clear after half an hour and you could forgive even Alonso *(above)* for dreaming of a title. But his back line quickly brought him back to reality.

Martinez has arrived but the wait for a first Premier League clean sheet since January goes on.

The new keeper could not be blamed, having rushed out to deal with Charalampos Kostoulas, who was allowed in behind with Chelsea sleeping at a quick throw.

Martinez went low but the rebound fell to Malick Yalcouye, whose cracker of a volley struck the post and settled home.

The Blues' hangover of not being able to see out games remains.

Due to a technical problem, the match officials were operating without any communication packs for the second half – and the same could have been said about Chelsea at times.

Brighton midfielder Diego Gomez should have levelled when he was left free to head wide, before seeing a strike palmed behind by Martinez.

From that short corner, Gross was free and his cross took a wicked deflection off Pedro into the corner of the net.

The sinking feeling, felt so often last season, descended on the Bridge once more.

What they did not have last year was a fit and firing Palmer to dig them out of trouble. Just as Brighton were seeking a leveller, Chelsea's talisman stood tall, unaffected by an utter clanger 15 minutes earlier – somehow hooking over an empty net from three yards out.

In front of a watching Thomas Tuchel – the man who snubbed him for the World Cup – Palmer spun and drove through Albion territory before whipping a low finish into the far corner, which sent Alonso wild on the touchline.

The manager's face was not quite so bright when Gross – one of the smallest players on the pitch – was allowed to head in a third for the visitors in the sixth minute of added time but he was fist-pumping at the end all the same.

Conventional wisdom will tell you success cannot come from performances like this. But Chelsea are going to be one hell of a side to watch across the season – and who knows where that can take them.

HOW THEY LINED UP

CHELSEA: Martinez, Colwill (Chavarria 72), Lacroix, Fofana (Acheampong 68), Hato, Lavia (James 68), Gusto, Neto (Caicedo 68, Barco 82), Rogers, Palmer, Pedro.

BRIGHTON: Verbruggen, Kadioglu, Dunk, Vuskovic, Wieffer (Costinha 80), Boscagli, Gross, De Cuyper, Yalcouye (Osman 74), Gomez, Kostoulas (David 80).

BACK IN IT . . . Yalcouye gives Albion some hope

OWN NO! . . . Martinez beaten by team-mate Pedro

LATE SCARE . . . Gross scores but it's not enough

MATCH STATS

CHELSEA	V	BRIGHTON
17	SHOTS	15
6	SHOTS ON TARGET	6
26%	POSSESSION	74%
218	PASSES	628
146	COMPLETED PASSES	549
29	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	28
4	CORNERS	7
6	FOULS CONCEDED	12
1/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	3/0
	MATCH TIME: 98m 03s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 54m 01s	

THE WEEK AHEAD

(3.0 unless stated)

TODAY

PREMIER LEAGUE
Aston Villa v Arsenal................8.0

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - Boston Utd v Hornchurch, Carlisle v Scunthorpe, Eastleigh v Aldershot, Forest Green v Altrincham, Harrogate Tn v Gateshead, Kidderminster v Barrow, Solihull Moors v AFC Fylde, Sutton Utd v Wealdstone, Woking v Southend, Worthing v Boreham Wood, Yeovil v Tamworth.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - AFC Telford v Bedford Tn, Buxton v Merthyr Tn, Chester FC v Morecambe, Chorley v Brackley, Harborough Tn v Marine, King's Lynn Tn v Scarborough Athletic, Macclesfield FC v Hebburn Tn, Radcliffe v Darlington, South Shields v Spalding Utd, Southport v Hereford FC, Spennymoor Tn v Hednesford Tn, Worksop Tn v Oxford City.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - Braintree Tn v Farnborough, Chesham Utd v Dover, Dag & Red v Slough, Dorking Wanderers v Truro City, Farnham Tn v Torquay, Folkestone Invicta v Hemel Hempstead, Hampton & Richmond v Maidstone Utd, Maidenhead Utd v AFC Totton, Salisbury FC v Billericay, Tonbridge Angels v Walton & Hersham, Weston-S-Mare v Chelmsford.

ISTHMIAN PREMIER - Brentwood Tn v Maldon & Tiptree, Cheshunt v St Albans, Cray Wanderers v Welling, Dartford v Chatham Tn, Leatherhead v Dulwich, Lewes v Eastbourne Borough, Ramsgate v AFC Whyteleafe, Stanway Rovers v Aveley, Three Bridges v Carshalton Ath, Whitehawk v Burgess Hill Tn, Wingate & Finchley v Enfield Town.

NORTHERN PREMIER - Curzon Ashton v Ashton Utd, Emley AFC v Guiseley, FC United of Manchester v AVRO, Gainsborough Trinity v Cleethorpes Tn, Hyde Utd v Bury FC, Ilkeston Tn v Quorn, Lancaster City v Workington, Stockton Tn v Redcar Athletic, Warrington Rylands v Bamber Bridge, Whitby Tn v Alfreton Tn.

SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL - Anstey Nomads v Banbury Utd, Bishop's Stortford v Hitchin Tn, Bury Tn v Leiston, Kettering v Stamford, Needham Market v Peterborough Sports, Racing Club Warwick v Stratford Tn, Real Bedford v Leighton Tn, Redditch Utd v Halesowen Tn, Rushall Olympic v Alvechurch, Worcester City v Bromsgrove Sporting.

SOUTHERN PREMIER SOUTH - Basingstoke Tn v Bracknell Tn, Berkhamsted v Hanwell Tn, Chichester City v Havant and W, Frome Tn v Bath City, Gloucester v Evesham Utd, Hanworth Villa v Chertsey Tn, Malvern Tn v Chippenham, Plymouth Parkway v Poole Tn, Sholing v Gosport Borough, Uxbridge v Wimborne Tn, Yate Tn v Taunton Tn.

WELSH PREMIER - Airbus UK Broughton v Holywell Tn (2.30), Ammanford v Cardiff Met Uni (2.30), Briton Ferry v Barry Tn United (2.30), Caernarfon Tn v The New Saints FC, Cambrian United v Penybont (2.30), Colwyn Bay v Llandudno (5.15), Flint Tn v Connah's Quay Nomads (2.30), Haverfordwest County v Trefelin BGC (2.30).

(7.45 unless stated)

TOMORROW

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Birmingham v Southampton..8.0
Lincoln City v Blackburn
Portsmouth v Derby
Preston v Bristol City
Sheff Utd v Bolton
Stoke v Norwich........8.0
Swansea v Watford
West Ham v Wolves

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
Bradford v Cambridge Utd
Bromley v Leyton Orient
Doncaster v Notts County
Huddersfield v Oxford Utd
Leicester v Plymouth
Peterborough v Stevenage
Wycombe v Sheff Wed

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO
Accrington v Grimsby
Bristol Rovers v Colchester
Cheltenham v York
Chesterfield v Gillingham
Crewe v Walsall
Exeter v Barnet
Fleetwood Town v Oldham
Northampton v Crawley Town
Rochdale v Shrewsbury
Salford City v Newport County
Swindon v Port Vale
Tranmere v Rotherham

KDM EVOLUTION TROPHY - Stranraer v Celtic U21.

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - FC Halifax v Hartlepool.

NORTHERN PREMIER - Leek Tn v Warrington Tn.

SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL - Stourbridge v Leamington.

WEDNESDAY

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Burnley v Middlesbrough........8.0
Millwall v Wrexham
QPR v Cardiff
West Brom v Charlton

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
Barnsley v Blackpool
Burton Albion v AFC Wimbledon
Luton v Stockport County
Reading v Mansfield........8.0
Wigan v MK Dons

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP
Celtic v Aberdeen
Dundee v St Johnstone
Falkirk v Rangers........8.0
Kilmarnock v St Mirren
Motherwell v Dundee Utd

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Doncaster v Liverpool........ 7.0

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFICATION
Real Sociedad v Chelsea

THURSDAY

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP
Hibernian v Hearts

FRIDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE
Ipswich v Liverpool........8.0

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE
London City v Man Utd........ 7.0

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP - Livingston v Stenhousemuir (7.30).

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - Altrincham v Eastleigh.

WELSH PREMIER - Briton Ferry v Airbus UK Broughton, Caernarfon Tn v Flint Tn United, Cardiff Met Uni v Cambrian United, Connah's Quay Nomads v Haverfordwest County, Holywell Tn v Trefelin BGC, Llandudno v Ammanford.

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SATURDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE
Brentford v Sunderland
Brighton v Leeds
Fulham v Crystal Palace
Hull v Aston Villa........5.30
Man City v Coventry
Newcastle v Bournemouth.12.30
Nottm Forest v Tottenham

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Burnley v Bristol City
Lincoln City v Southampton12.30
Millwall v Bolton
Portsmouth v Cardiff
Preston v Blackburn........12.30
QPR v Middlesbrough
Sheff Utd v Norwich
Stoke v Charlton........12.30
Swansea v Wrexham........8.0
West Brom v Watford
West Ham v Derby

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
Barnsley v Stevenage
Bradford v Mansfield
Burton Albion v Cambridge Utd
Doncaster v Plymouth
Huddersfield v Notts County
Leicester v Oxford Utd
Luton v Leyton Orient
Peterborough v Sheff Wed 12.30
Reading v Blackpool
Wigan v Stockport County.12.30
Wycombe v MK Dons

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO
Accrington v Crawley Town
Bristol Rovers v Rotherham
Cheltenham v Grimsby
Chesterfield v Barnet
Crewe v York
Exeter v Walsall
Fleetwood v Shrewsbury....12.30
Northampton v Newport County
Rochdale v Gillingham
Salford City v Port Vale.......12.30
Swindon v Colchester
Tranmere v Oldham

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE
Chelsea v Aston Villa........12.30

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP
Aberdeen v Kilmarnock
Dundee Utd v Falkirk
Rangers v Motherwell
St Mirren v Celtic........8.0

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP - Arbroath v Dunfermline, Inverness CT v Raith, Partick v Ayr, Queen's Park v Morton.

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE - Cove Rangers v Alloa, East Fife v Ross County, East Kilbride v Hamilton, Peterhead v Montrose, Queen of South v Airdrieonians.

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO - Clyde v Edinburgh City, Dumbarton v Elgin, Forfar v Stranraer, Kelty Hearts v Annan Athletic, Stirling v Spartans.

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - AFC Fylde v Worthing, Aldershot v FC Halifax (12.30), Barrow v Sutton Utd, Boreham Wood v Carlisle (5.30), Gateshead v Solihull Moors, Hartlepool v Woking, Hornchurch v Forest Green, Scunthorpe v Harrogate Tn, Southend v Yeovil (12.30), Tamworth v Boston Utd, Wealdstone v Kidderminster.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - Bedford Tn v Radcliffe, Brackley v Harborough Tn, Darlington v King's Lynn Tn, Hebburn Tn v Chester FC, Hednesford Tn v South Shields, Hereford FC v Spennymoor Tn, Marine v Worksop Tn, Merthyr Tn v Macclesfield FC, Morecambe v Buxton, Oxford City v Chorley, Scarborough Athletic v AFC Telford, Spalding Utd v Southport.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - AFC Totton v Hampton & Richmond, Billericay v Dorking Wanderers, Chelmsford v Salisbury FC, Dover v Maidenhead Utd, Farnborough v Tonbridge Angels, Hemel Hempstead v Farnham Tn, Horsham v Dag & Red, Maidstone Utd v Weston-S-Mare, Slough v Braintree Tn, Torquay v Folkestone Invicta, Truro City v Chesham Utd, Walton & Hersham v Ebbsfleet United.

WELSH PREMIER - Penybont v Colwyn Bay (12.30), The New Saints v Barry (5.15).

SUNDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE
Everton v Man Utd........2.0
Arsenal v Chelsea........4.30

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Birmingham v Wolves........ 12.0

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE
Brighton v Arsenal........12.0
Tottenham v West Ham........12.0
Charlton v Liverpool........2.0
Crystal Palace v Everton........2.0
Man City v Birmingham City.2.30

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP
St Johnstone v Hibernian
Hearts v Dundee

MONDAY

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
Bromley v AFC Wimbledon......8.0

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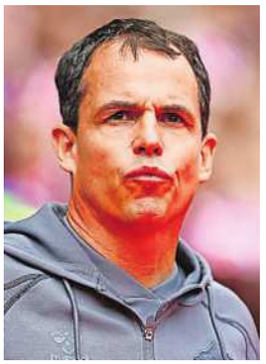

LE BRIS . . . hit out at the doubters

Bris-tling at critics

By GARY STONEHOUSE

REGIS LE BRIS hopes that Sunderland continue to be underestimated.

The Black Cats were humbled following last season's heroics with an opening-day defeat to promoted Ipswich last week.

That led to Jamie Carragher and other pundits predicting a difficult campaign.

But Wilson Isidor got the Mackems up and running with the only goal against Fulham.

Frenchman Le Bris wants to add Lyon winger Malick Fofana and Tottenham defender Kevin Danso to help with the extra workload of the Europa League.

He said: "I'd like teams to underestimate Sunderland as it is much better to fuel us.

"This league is demanding. We have to raise our level and we're getting better.

"The players are all in. You can't play at that level if you are not all in."

The winner capped a perfect week for Isidor after penning his contract extension and landing a dream tie with AC Milan in Europe.

And the Haiti striker added: "Yesterday was the first birthday of my daughter, Shailyn, I dedicate this goal to her."

New Fulham head coach Alvaro Arbeloa hopes reinforcements can help claim his first points in charge at home to Crystal Palace on Saturday.

The Spaniard said: "We are working with the club and for all on the transfer window.

"We need more energy, a better attitude and a better mentality than we showed here."

MATCH STATS

SUNDERLAND		FULHAM
12	SHOTS	11
4	SHOTS ON TARGET	0
42%	POSSESSION	58%
393	PASSES	560
326	COMPLETED PASSES	472
20	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	26
3	CORNERS	4
10	FOULS CONCEDED	15
0/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	2/0
	MATCH TIME: 95m 13s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 61m 07s	

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WILSON ISIDOR scored what was his second game-winning goal in the Premier League, one year to the day since his only previous one — a 90th minute winner that saw Sunderland beat Brentford 2-1 at the Stadium of Light.

OPEN ISIDOR POLICY . . . Fulham were easy to play through as Isidor slammed the winner past Leno

WIL POWER

Supersub Isidor seals deal with winner

By GARY STONEHOUSE

WILSON ISIDOR celebrated his new deal by getting Sunderland's season up and running with the winner against Fulham.

The Haiti striker, 26, came off the bench to score the only goal to leave new Cottagers boss Alvaro Arbeloa still pointless.

In an early contender for one of the most dire games of the season, it took the introduction of supersubs Isidor and Habib Diarra to spark it into life.

Moments after being denied by the post, the hitman latched on to the Senegal star's cross to rifle home.

It left toothless Fulham licking their wounds, with fans and Arbeloa both hoping to get some attacking reinforcements in before Tuesday's transfer deadline.

But Sunderland definitely do not need another to back up Brian Brobbey with Isidor, who penned an extension until 2030 this week, on this form.

With anticipation soaring following Friday's Europa League draw, Wearside was rocking come kick off despite wallets being emptied with trips booked to Portugal, Poland, Italy and Belgium.

The Black Cats shocked everyone with their seventh-place finish last term. It was the highest achieved by a promoted side since Wolves in 2019.

But exceeding expectations so remarkably could yet prove to be a poisoned chalice.

And the pressure is on to see whether Regis Le Bris can stop his side, tasked with the extra workload, falling victim to second season syndrome. Last week's opening day 2-1 defeat at Ipswich did little to silence the doubters but a home clash against Fulham, who won just four times away last season, appeared to be the perfect tonic.

Sunderland.....1
Isidor 75
Fulham.....0

After all, it was fortress Stadium of Light that provided the backbone for Sunderland's success back in the top-flight.

But things soon went flat after Enzo Le Fee dragged an early strike wide.

Fans, now expecting more than just simple survival, had grown impatient with the impotence of their attack by half an hour.

And when the Frenchman whacked another off target from distance the groans were deafening.

Despite having less of the ball, it should have been Fulham, aiming to bounce back from Monday's 3-2 home loss to Chelsea, ahead come the break.

Josh King latched on to Alex Iwobi's through ball only to slice high and wide with only home keeper Robin Roefs to beat.

He got another sniff right on the whistle too, only this time Reinildo Mandava saved the day with a brilliant run and recovery challenge before he could strike.

Another huge let-off came soon after half time when Nordi Mukiele had to slide in to action to prevent Gonzalo Garcia from racing clear. Sunderland know all about the dangers of Fulham, who have proven to be somewhat of a bogey team.

The Black Cats had not beaten them in their previous six attempts in the North East, and the Cottagers were the only team to do the double over them last term.

And by the hour mark Le Bris took no more chances as he finally rang the changes.

Isidor and Diarra introductions proved to be a masterstroke.

Granit Xhaka's diagonal ball dropped over Le Fee's shoulder, the winger put it on a plate for Isidor but his first-time strike smashed back off the left-hand post.

However he was not to be denied and he made no mistake with the next attack.

Diarra, who limped back off with a hamstring problem shortly after, left Calvin Bassey for dead. And as the home end held their breath, he perfectly picked out his team-mate to slot home past Bernd Leno.

With a difficult trip to Brentford up next before the visit of champions Arsenal, you could feel the relief all round Sunderland come the final whistle.

Fulham could not even muster much of a scare late on. In fact, another sub Romaine Mundle, should have doubled the Black Cats' advantage only to fire right at Leno.

Delight for Sunderland, but worries will be mounting around the Cottage over their lack of firepower having failed to even register a shot on target.

HOW THEY LINED UP

SUNDERLAND: Roefs, Meunier, Mukiele, Ballard, Reinildo, Xhaka, Sadiki, Hume, Le Fee (Mundle 90), Angulo (Diarra 65, Rigg 83), Brobbey (Isidor 64).
FULHAM: Leno, Castagne (Sessegnon 68), Andersen, Bassey, Robinson, Berge (Kevin 83), Iwobi, Bobb (Charles 68), King, Palacios (Smith Rowe 77), Garcia.

Barc but no bite

KOP NEED MORE MIDFIELD STEEL, NOT £123M WINGER

DOM-INATED . . . Szoboszlai and pal Mac Allister lost the midfield battle

SOMEONE'S been asleep at the wheel inside Anfield, or the recruitment team led by Richard Hughes is simply blind.

Liverpool's lack of midfield defensive cover was there for all to see last season.

Glaring holes for the opposition to run through, a lack of bite in the tackle, a naive belief that the attack-minded pair of Dominik Szoboszlai and Alexis Mac Allister could somehow alter their footballing DNA and become dogs of war.

Fast forward to Andoni Iraola's first home game in charge and it was groundhog day – Nottingham Forest's quick counter-attacks causing mayhem, Szoboszlai and Mac Allister headless chickens without the ball.

There is joy that sporting director Hughes has finally agreed a transfer fee worth up to £123million with Paris Saint-Germain for Bradley Barcola *(right)*, who is set to sign on within the next 24 hours on £300,000 a week.

But for all that he is a star attraction, the Frenchman also happens to be a winger.

Rocket science would not be required to work out someone of Barcola's exciting talent might step up as a marquee successor to departed Mo Salah.

Yet over three months of haggling with the Champions League holders in desperate pursuit of the 23-year-old, a critical weakness was somehow completely ignored.

And the obsession with Barcola could turn into a fatal attraction.

For Oliver Glasner's side, just like Newcastle did on the opening weekend of the season, ran right through Iraola's malfunctioning engine room.

Dan Ndoye scored one goal and could have had three, while in the first half Igor Jesus almost had the run of the Liverpool box thanks to precise and pacey passing from behind.

True, Kop ace Florian Wirtz was denied a goal by the tightest of offside margins soon after Ndoye had opened the scoring, having already missed two chances.

But seconds before the break, with chaos all around him, Reds keeper Alisson had to be world class to deny Jesus – and at 2-0 then that would surely have been game over.

The need for someone to get down and dirty, to practice the dark arts and do almost anything to protect the back four is so glaringly clear it is almost laughable.

Yet with the transfer window about to shut nobody with such traits has been brought in.

Liverpool legend Steven Gerrard – no stranger to a biting tackle or a red card in his day – got it in a nutshell.

He stressed of the Iraola side that has now twice had to fire-fight its way to 2-2 draws under him: "They are too nice.

"They've got a load of nice technical players but they lack that little bit of nastiness. All over the pitch they have to be more at it, taking yellow cards if they need to. That's the problem Iraola faces – you need some nastiness, you can't be so nice."

At least Victor Munoz, the same age but at around a quarter of Barcola's price from Osasuna, has a bit about him.

The Spanish World Cup winner's turn and fierce shot for Liverpool's second leveller on 82 minutes spoke of a selfless grafter.

But Iraola is overseeing a collection of individuals, not a team, and there is nobody in the middle galvanising them.

Wirtz does look too 'nice' and so does the second of last summer's £100m-plus arrivals, Alexander Isak.

The Swede tapped home the first equaliser but lacks the physicality of a scrapper.

It may well be nice to have Barcola alongside him and Wirtz but if there is no ball-winner, no destroyer, then like the other two so far he could just become another fashion accessory.

Iraola was right to complain that the three minutes of delay as bungling fourth official Tim Robinson fumbled with his subs board with Rio Ngumoha, Ryan Gravenberch and Kostas Tsimikas waiting to go on, gave Forest a window of opportunity.

Yet £50m new boy Liam Delap's quickly-taken throw that ended in a dodgy penalty decision for Neco Williams – with Morgan Gibbs-White converting – once again said it all about lack of cover.

Glasner, hoping to welcome his Crystal Palace old boy Daniel Munoz into the Forest fold, should and could have been celebrating his first win as the new boss.

Iraola is also still without a victory – but crucially still minus a midfield scrapper.

KEN LAWRENCE on LIVERPOOL 2 NOTTM FOREST 2

I'LL GET MY JACQUET . . . Ndoye scores Forest's first goal despite the best efforts of Reds defender Jacquet as boss Iraola looks on

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LIVERPOOL are only the second Premier League side to start a campaign with two 2-2 draws, along with Everton in 2014-15.

The Toffees' next game in that sequence was a 6-3 home defeat by Chelsea!

2014-15 EVERTON

Aug 16	Leicester (a)	D 2-2
Aug 23	Arsenal (h)	D 2-2

2026-27 LIVERPOOL

Aug 23	Newcastle (a)	D 2-2
Aug 29	Nottm F (h)	D 2-2

MORGAN'S BEAUTY SPOT

NOTTINGHAM FOREST'S Morgan Gibbs-White has scored all five of the penalties he has taken in the Premier League.

Only four English players have better 100 per cent records from the spot in the competition.

ENGLISH PLAYERS WITH 100% PREM PENALTY RECORDS

(Min: 4 or more taken)	Pens taken
Rickie Lambert	7
Ashley Barnes	7
Clive Wilson	6
Garry Parker	6
MORGAN GIBBS-WHITE	5
Michael Ricketts	5
Junior Stanislas	5
Carlton Morris	5
Mark Walters	4

THE EX FACTOR

FORMER defender and manager **CHRIS HUGHTON**, 67, gives his verdict on his old clubs Tottenham (player 1977-90) and Newcastle (manager 2009-10).

De Zerbi all heart

MY former clubs have had two completely different stories over the summer.

Tottenham have a coach in Roberto Di Zerbi who I really like — a manager who speaks from the heart.

He knew he had to rebuild a side who have finished 17th in the Premier League for the past two seasons and I think he has spent well.

But with new players there is a transition period where they are settling, plus they still have a nucleus of players returning from long-term injuries. We saw Mohammed Kudus come on as sub on Saturday.

But there are so many signs that with Di Zerbi, things will come good for Spurs.

I listened to a phone-in on my way home from the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

It was interesting to hear a few Spurs fans who I thought might be angry but they were refreshingly optimistic. And I share that view.

As for my other old club Newcastle, they have had a summer of major players departing and lost their boss.

Yet they have started the season so brightly.

Even better, the two players they signed a year ago — Yoane Wissa and Anthony Elanga, who both had injuries last season — are looking fresh and sharp and are proving to be one of the best strike duos in the Prem so far.

And the signing of Nico Gonzalez has been inspired on the evidence of Saturday.

His raking passes picked out the pace of the front two, who are lapping up his defence-splitting balls.

It wasn't a surprise to hear the Newcastle fans in such full voice too.

From what they may have thought would be a difficult season ahead, it must have been a joy to watch the performance in North London.

Interview: RUSSELL LANNING

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NIC'S GOT NACK

NEW £52million signing Nico Gonzalez made an impressive debut for Toon at Spurs with 16 line-breaking passes and 94 per cent passing accuracy.

GONZALEZ MATCH STATS AT SPURS

MINS PLAYED	TOUCHES	PASSES/ SUCCESSFUL	LINE-BREAKING PASSES	MILES COVERED
71	58	51/48	16	5.5

TOON 'N

Gonzalez joy as a key man for Jaissle

NICO GONZALEZ is relishing being the main man again at Newcastle after life on the periphery at Manchester City.

The Spaniard swapped the Etihad bench for St James' Park on Wednesday in a £52million switch.

Three days later the midfielder was playing the kind of influential role he always craved as he helped the Tynesiders stun big-spending Spurs.

It was the 24-year-old's pinpoint diagonal ball out wide to fellow new-boy Amar Dedic which sparked the 62nd-minute opener for Anthony Elanga and set Toon on their way.

The victory capped a whirlwind week which left Gonzalez convinced he made the right call to become one of the key players for new boss Matthias Jaissle *(right)*.

He snubbed interest from Champions League clubs to pick the Magpies.

The ex-Barcelona man said: "I'm not going to say exactly who I talked to, and other coaches and other Champions League teams, but I think this was the best option.

"It's the right step in my career now and I'm happy.

"When I talked last week with the coach for the first time, before coming here, he made me feel really important and that's something that any player loves to feel.

"He also made me know that the project was really exciting, a lot of young, talented players, and I think we still have a lot to improve, because there's so much quality on the squad.

"They made me feel like they trusted me so much, and that's something that is really important for a player. I'm 24, so I'm not old.

"I need to play every weekend and that's something obviously that is really hard at City.

"I felt like here, I could have that chance and that's the key."

Gonzalez was one of three summer sales from City at Spurs on Saturday.

Omar Marmoush made his debut on a season-long loan for Tottenham, who conceded a second through Yoanne Wissa. There is an obligation to buy the Egyptian forward for £60m.

Brazilian winger Savio, who joined Spurs for £75m, did not play due to muscle fatigue but was in the stands and waved hello to Gonzalez as the Spaniard spoke to reporters.

Gonzalez expected to stay in Manchester before the midfield arrivals of £116m Elliot Anderson and £81.4m Ayyoub Bouaddi changed things.

City are also poised to move for Chelsea's Enzo Fernandez.

Gonzalez said: "I talked with them when we started pre-season, around July 20, and they told me that they counted on me, so that's why I wanted to stay.

"Obviously, the situation changed. They bought some players.

"They were sincere and that's something that I really appreciate.

"Last year, I had like 20 straight matches playing, and I played really good. Then I got injured – and Rodri came back.

"Rodri played really well and then the last matches that I played starting, I played also really good. For example, the FA Cup semi-final.

"But at the end – these top teams – it's not always easy and they thought that the best was the other players who played before me.

"I wanted to leave to play every weekend."

TOM BARCLAY
on TOTTENHAM 0 NEWCASTLE 2

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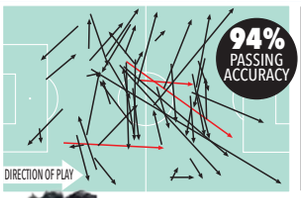

Roberto De Zerbi

HOME GROAN

ONLY two teams in the Prem and EFL have recorded fewer points at home over their last 20 games than Tottenham's 15.

TEAMS WITH FEWEST HOME POINTS IN LAST 20 LEAGUE GAMES
(Prem and EFL clubs)

	W	D	L	PTS
Tranmere	4	4	12	16
Northampton	4	4	12	16
TOTTENHAM	3	6	11	15
Burnley	2	8	10	14
Sheff Wed	2	6	12	12

ON HIS YOANE . . . unmarked Wissa flicks the ball past the statuesque Tottenham defence for Newcastle's second goal

GLOOM

Van de Ven calls for a mood swing

TOON UP . . . Gonzalez (left) ground running an de Ven urged urs to improve

MICKY VAN DE VEN says big-spending Spurs must find a way to lift their mood when things go against them.

By TOM BARCLAY

Otherwise you wonder how they are ever going to change their dreadful home record, which showed no signs of improving against Newcastle.

Tottenham have started the new campaign largely how they experienced it last term at their plush ground.

Since the start of last season, the North Londoners have won just **FIFTEEN** points at home in the league from a possible 60.

Only Burnley with 14 and Sheffield Wednesday with 13 have earned fewer than that measly haul in the entire top four divisions in that period.

Remarkably, Spurs have now lost **FORTY-NINE** Prem games at their new stadium since it opened in 2019 – just one fewer than rivals Arsenal have at the Emirates despite relocating **THIRTEEN YEARS** earlier.

The game against Toon had been a tight affair, with Tottenham even shading it before Anthony Elanga's sucker-punch strike near the hour sparked a collapse that seemed all too familiar in these parts.

Captain Van de Ven said: "We created a lot of chances, we had a lot of possession. But then they scored and I had the feeling that our mood went a little bit down at that point.

"That's something we can maybe work on. It's really frustrating because at home you want to win every game.

"If you play at home you feel the fans behind us every time over and over again and it feels like we're letting them down.

"That's something we need to change because teams need to hate to play here because they know it's going to be a really, really tough game away at Tottenham."

Spurs have won just three Prem games at home since the start of last season, and only three in their last 22 league matches overall.

It shows that despite spending more than £300million in the transfer market, manager Roberto De Zerbi still faces a tough task to turn things around.

The Italian spoke after the game about boosting the team's "mentality" as his "biggest challenge".

And Van de Ven admitted there needs to be a change in the mindset.

They both know there will be an adaptation period with so many new faces, as well as the injury issues that the club are still facing. This Toon loss was also a first start this campaign for defender Van de Ven, 25, after a knee injury in pre-season.

The Dutchman, who signed a new five-year deal in the summer and was given the captain's armband, revealed: "I had some problems personally.

"Some strange problems to be honest, something I've never had before, so luckily everything is solved now and I'm feeling well.

"You come from a World Cup, you don't have a lot of pre-season so it's tough to come into 90 minutes in the Premier League, as you know the physicality in the competition is really tough."

One silver lining for Spurs against Newcastle was the debut of new striker Omar Marmoush *(left)*.

The Egyptian looked lively after his loan from Manchester City, with an agreement to buy for £60m next summer.

Van de Ven added: "Omar is a really good player, I know him already from the time we were at Wolfsburg together.

"Over there, you saw what a threat and player he is and what he can create for a team, and I think he showed it today.

"So, there is much more to come from him."

STATS LIFE

Compiled by Russell Lanning

THERE'S NOTHING-NOTHING LIKE IT

Jaissle Hall

THERE has been at least one goal scored in all 63 Premier League meetings between Tottenham and Newcastle — making it the most-played fixture in the Prem era never to finish goalless.

MOST PREM GAMES WITHOUT A GOALLESS DRAW

63	38	36	34	30
TOTTENHAM-NEWCASTLE	Man Utd-Fulham	Tottenham-Leicester	Everton-Sunderland	Newcastle-Sunderland

GROUND CONTROL

THE CBS Arena became the 63rd venue to host a Premier League game.

Coventry v Hull made it only the fourth venue to see the first game between two promoted sides, after the John Smith's Stadium (2017), Stadium of Light (1999) and Roker Park (1996).

63 STADIUMS TO HOST PREM GAMES

Anfield	653
Old Trafford	653
Stamford Bridge	653
Goodison Park	633
Villa Park	595
St James' Park	594
Selhurst Park	486
White Hart Lane	481
Etihad	438
Upton Park	384
Emirates	381
Ewood Park	348
Craven Cottage	324
Elland Road	311
Stadium of Light	305
St Mary's	304
Highbury	272
Riverside	266
The Hawthorns	247
Molineux	228
Reebok	228
King Power	209
Carrow Road	196
Turf Moor	190
London Stadium	190
Bet365	190
Highfield Road	177
The Dell	177
Loftus Road	177
City Ground	176
Amex	172
Vitality	172
Hillsborough	158
DW/JJB	152
Vicarage Road	152
The Valley	152
Tottenham Hotspur Stadium	139
Filbert Street	135
Fratton Park	133
St Andrew's	133
Liberty Stadium	133
Portman Road	121
Maine Road	120
Bramall Lane	118
Pride Park	114
MKM Stadium	96
Gtech	96
Madejski	57
Boundary Park	42
Valley Parade	38
Cardiff City Stadium	38
John Smith's	38
Wembley	33
Ayresome Park	21
County Ground	21
Hill Dickinson	20
Kenilworth Road	19
Bloomfield Road	19
Roker Park	19
Baseball Ground	19
Oakwell	19
Burnden Park	19
COVENTRY BUILDING SOCIETY ARENA	1

SIXTH SENSE

JOAO PEDRO became the sixth player — and first for Chelsea — to score a goal, assist a goal, and score an own goal in the same Premier League game. He is the first since Tottenham's Son Heung-min against Manchester City in December 2023.

Pedro

SCORE AT BOTH ENDS AND ASSIST IN SAME PREM GAME

Dec 13, 2008	Kevin Davies v Aston Villa
Oct 20, 2012	Wayne Rooney v Stoke
Nov 28, 2012	Gareth Bale v Liverpool
Nov 6, 2022	Jacob Ramsey v Man Utd
Dec 3, 2023	Son Heung-min v Man City
Aug 30, 2026	JOAO PEDRO V BRIGHTON

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ROAR EMOTION . . . Tarkowski hails goal

It's Tark-wowski

JAMES TARKOWSKI reckons grabbing a late leveller against Bournemouth was his "proudest moment" as an Everton player.

Even his stunning late volley against Liverpool in the final Merseyside derby at Goodison Park in February 2025 could not beat this.

Centre-back Tarkowski, 33, in his 148th appearance for the Toffees, lashed into the bottom left corner to snatch a point after Alex Scott looked to have sealed victory for the Cherries.

It was the Englishman's first goal as Everton captain after taking over the armband from departed club legend Seamus Coleman.

Tarkowski said: "I'm proud to be an Everton player.

"People would call me captain here and there, but I never really felt like a captain because we all knew who the real captain was.

"It's nice that I've been given the honour of leading this club out.

"I've got to try to lead, try and be honest, try and speak to people with respect and sort of represent this club how the fans want it to be represented.

"I will try my best to do that and that's all I can do."

A comical mix-up between Marcus Tavernier and Ryan Christie when defending a corner allowed the ball to roll to Tarkowski who produced a finish Harry Kane would have been proud of.

However, the focus was on 19-year-old Toffees starlet Harrison Armstrong, who played against a backdrop of Nottingham Forest preparing a £40million bid for the midfielder.

Travelling fans chanted of a riot if they sold the local lad, with Everton since calling off a proposed deal.

Tarkowski said: "I've been on the end of transfer rumours and it's not easy.

"So for a kid of his age to perform the way he did with all that speculation around him, fair play to him.

"I'll just say he's a super-talented kid. He's a massive character in our dressing room, we all love him."

Cherries' new German coach Marco Rose has seen his side throw away **FIVE** points from two games having lost the lead in their defeat at Manchester City.

Despite the leveller, £21.4million Benfica recruit Antonio Silva, 21, excelled at the back alongside James Hill.

Hill said: "He's not just an incredible footballer, he's an incredible person as well. He's obviously got a really mature head on him for such a young body."

TROUBLE AT MILL . . . Canadian Liam Millar stuns the Sky Blues to give Hull their second win out of two and then celebrates (above)

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HULL'S Liam Millar became only the ninth Canadian player to score a Prem goal, while he was the first Canadian to score the winning goal in a top-flight match since Daniel Jebbison for Sheffield United in 2021 (v Everton).

SNOOZE... YOU LOSE!

Ajayi happy to sneak under radar

SEMI AJAYI claimed Hull are relishing being "slept on" by their Premier League rivals.

The Tigers ace intends to use every ounce of his top-flight experience to help his team-mates maintain their surprise-package status.

Hull were tipped by the masses to finish rock bottom following last season's surprise play-off promotion from the Championship.

But the Humberside club have now won two out of two without conceding a goal.

Liam Millar raced clear to score the winner at Coventry eight minutes from time as they built on their shock triumph over Manchester United.

Ajayi *(left)* reckons teams are underestimating Hull and is happy for that to continue if it means the results keep coming.

The centre-back told SunSport: "We're just focused on ourselves. We don't mind being slept on.

"If people want to sleep on us, that's fine. We are just focused on ourselves and putting in performances. Long may it continue."

The Tigers host Aston Villa and visit Chelsea and Newcastle in the Prem before the international break.

Ajayi added: "We are not focused on outside noise. We have been good in terms of keeping a siege mentality and focusing on what we do. It has produced two really good results."

Ajayi, 32, is one of a handful of Hull players who have played in the top division before.

The defender, capped 56 times by Nigeria, started his career in Arsenal's academy.

Although he never made it off the bench for the Gunners' first team, he did make it to the big time with West Brom for the 2020-21 campaign.

He racked up 33 Prem appearances and grabbed a dramatic late equaliser to earn the Baggies a shock 1-1 draw at Liverpool.

All the experience he built up during that time will be used to help the Tigers players who have never played in the top flight.

Ajayi, a free transfer in July last year, added: "I am gonna be there for the younger boys and the new lads to also lean on.

"My communication and leading by example is how I plan to help my team-mates attack the season.

"It's been a long five years away from the Prem personally.

"It's just about making up for lost time and grabbing the opportunity with both hands."

Although Sergej Jakirovic's team are still playing a similar style of football to last term, there has been plenty of change for Hull.

More than £75million has been splashed out on 12 signings since beating Middlesbrough in the play-off final in May.

That has created a new dynamic, something London-born Ajayi knows a thing or two about having played in all of England's top five leagues during his career.

The former Dartford, Rotherham and Cardiff ace is confident the current Hull squad are capable of continuing their form and having a great season in the Premier League.

Ajayi added: "We've got a lot of new players that have come in.

"But we've also got a really strong dressing room and a good core.

"The new boys have bought into what we are doing really well.

"Obviously, the lads that have been here before have also raised their standards. It is all boding well for a positive season."

ENGELS . . . Hammers signing

We Arne out the race yet

By JON WEST

ARNE ENGELS says that WEST HAM are still in the Championship title hunt despite their winless start to the season.

A 1-1 draw at WATFORD on Saturday left the Hammers languishing in 19th with just two points from three games.

It is safe to say the London Stadium faithful are not impressed — and WOLVES are due there tomorrow.

Both clubs went down from the Prem last season but Wolves will kick off in second after thrashing STOKE 4-1.

Hammers midfield ace Engels — a £22million summer capture from Celtic — said: "Wolves are a title contender also, so it's important to not let them slip away.

"We want to really build something at home so that nobody is winning points from us there."

BURNLEY also went down last season and look in danger of doing so again under new head coach Nicky Hayen.

The Clarets are third bottom with just one point following a chastening 4-1 reverse at NORWICH.

Hayen, who replaced Scott Parker in July, moaned: "You don't defend only with four defenders, everyone has to do their job."

SWANSEA — who have been a second-tier side since 2018 — are third thanks to an impressive 3-0 win at DERBY.

Acting skipper Jay Fulton said: "I don't think away games come much better than that."

QUEENS PARK RANGERS are also on seven points after coming from behind to win 2-1 at BLACKBURN.

FULTON . . . in dreamland

GRANT A WISH

Just Add to be bit of Karl magic

By DANNY RUST

KARLAN GRANT relished the chance to prove his doubters wrong after making a dream return to Charlton.

The striker spearheaded the Addicks to a home victory over Preston with a clinical second-half finish.

And Charlton surged to the Championship summit after becoming the only second-tier side to keep their 100 per cent record intact.

Grant, 28, celebrated his first goal since rejoining his boyhood club from West Brom by saluting former Valley team-mate Ezri Konsa.

The defender was watching from the stands following his mega-money move to Arsenal earlier this month.

Grant made space for himself to fire home on 65 minutes. North End barely troubled home keeper Arthur Okonkwo.

And Grant vowed there will be more to come after finding the net in an Addicks shirt for the first time since 2019.

He said: "Getting my first goal since coming back to the club means a lot.

"You're always champing at the bit to get off the mark, so I'm just glad I did it so early.

"It's brilliant being at Charlton again. It's massive being close to my family and where I came through.

"It was a match made in heaven and I'm just grateful to be able to help the team. It was a great win and another three points, so we're delighted."

Charlton went into the season among the favourites to suffer relegation.

And following a 5-1 thumping against Tottenham in the Carabao Cup, there were fears the wheels were about to come off quickly.

But Addicks bounced back to beat Preston and record their best start to a second-tier campaign since 1992.

Nathan Jones' side have three wins out three, including a statement away win over promotion favourites West Ham.

They next travel to Grant's former team Albion on Wednesday.

Grant revealed he and his team-mates took no notice when many experts tipped the Addicks to drop back into League One.

He added: "People always talk. It's the Championship at the end of the day, so you never know what will happen.

"We know how good we are and how good we can be.

"We've got fight, grit and determination.

"The gaffe has instilled that and it's a great group to be a part of.

"I don't think anyone gets above their station. Everyone is really grounded and when you pick up points the way we have, it only helps us.

"We take each game as it comes. We know how difficult this division is.

"It's a good start and long may it continue."

Preston have lost all three league games so far and boss Paul Heckingbottom groaned: "That one hurts."

MIND THE GAP . . . Grant scores for Charlton for the first time since 2019 and saluted Konsa (inset)

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LEO SLAYER . . . Scienza hails his strike for Saints on Saturday

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

BLACKBURN (0) 1 — QPR (0) 2
Morishita 49 — Smyth 51, Dunne 74
Att: 12,905

Blackburn: Toth, Alebiosu, Atcheson, McLoughlin, Yuri Ribeiro (Pates 81), Forshaw (Morsy 57), Montgomery (Garrett 81), Morishita, Cantwell (Vare 88), Afolayan (Fevrier 81), Gudjohnsen. Subs not used: Pears, Houghton, Lister, Edmondson. Booked: Gudjohnsen, McLoughlin, Morsy.

QPR: Charles, Mbengue (Adamson 81), Dunne, Clarke-Salter, Cirkin (Lamptey 46), Smyth (Poku 64), Edwards, Madsen (Kamara 46), Chair, Kone (Lloyd 57), Burrell. Subs not used: Ward, Saito, Vale, Varane. Booked: Clarke-Salter, Edwards.

BOLTON (0) 0 — LINCOLN CITY (0) 1
Att: 21,581 — House 66

Bolton: Bonham, Brunt, Forino-Joseph, Famewo (Larrazabal 61), Conway, Sheehan, Erhahon (Watson 80), Iling-Junior (Dong 61), McAtee (Hardie 72), Gale (Nelson 71), Dalby. Subs not used: Bazunu, Davies, Toal, Ritchie.

Lincoln City: Wickens, Elerewe, Towler, Elder, Jefferies, Varfolomeyev (Bayliss 85), McGrandles, Reach, Hackett (Olaofe 80), Draper (Street 65), House (Honohan 85). Subs not used: Gauci, Coubis, Melia, Konak, Wheatley. Booked: House, McGrandles, Varfolomeyev.

BRISTOL CITY (1)2 — PORTSMOUTH (0) 1
Tolaj 31 (pen), Knight 56 — Milovanovic 90
Att: 24,134

Bristol City: Tickle, Tanner (Eile 85), Dickie, Eissat, Cardines, Knight, Williams, Wallace (Horvat 68), Twine (Greenwood 68), Hirakawa (Ping 74), Tolaj (Ballard 74). Subs not used: Collins, Randell, Atkinson, Yah. Booked: Cardines, Dickie, Knight.

Portsmouth: Schmid, Devlin, Arthur (Dia 69), Shaughnessy, Swanson, Shein, Pack (Swift 74), Kamara, Segecic, Kavuma-McQueen (Blair 63), Bishop (Milovanovic 63). Subs not used: Bielica, Poole, Bailey, Brooke-Smith.

CARDIFF (2) 2 — SHEFF U (2) 2
Moylan 2, Ashford 38 — Cannon 4 (pen), O'Hare 7
Att: 21,036

Cardiff: Trott, Ng, Bielik (Scanlon 90), Osho, Bagan, Robertson, Ashford (Davies 85), Tanner (Willock 72), R Colwill, Moylan (J Colwill 85), Salech (Robinson 85). Subs not used: Tyrer, Turnbull, Tankiewicz, Kpakio. Booked: Moylan, Robertson.

Sheff Utd: Cooper, Baptiste (Norrington-Davies 58), Tanganga, McGuinness, McCallum, Donovan (Shackleton 46), Rothwell (Riedewald 65), Peck, O'Hare, Bamford (Phillips 46), Cannon (Brereton Diaz 84). Subs not used: Davies, Doherty, Campbell, Marsh. Booked: McGuinness, Peck.

CHARLTON (0) 1 — PRESTON (0) 0
Ahearne-Grant 56 — Att: 17,256

Charlton: Okonkwo, McNamara, Jones, Bell, Mesik, Coventry, Chalobah (Nwamba 63), Campbell (Rankin-Costello 90), Carey (Alli 46), Ahearne-Grant (Asimwe 90), Leaburn (Mbick 88). Subs not used: Brooks, Knibbs, Ouma, Apter. Booked: Rankin-Costello.

Preston North End: Iversen, Clarke, Offiah (Erabi 70), Lindsay, Gibson, Vukcevic (Wiley 88), Thompson (Small 77), Leroy, Devine, Lang (Mills 70), Burgzorg. Subs not used: Nicholls, Valentin, Storey, Moran, Gryba. Booked: Leroy.

DERBY (0) 0 — SWANSEA (2) 3
Opoku 2, Eom 44, Ronald 90
Att: 26,576

Derby: Zetterstrom, Johnston (Ward 46), Langas, Sanderson, Taylor, Mowatt (Eames 78), Travis, Hedges (Brewster 46), Clark, Blackett-Taylor (Szmodics 46), Salvesen (Bilbija 70). Subs not used: Vickers, Forsyth, Nyambe, Fraulo. Booked: Langas, Sanderson, Travis.

Swansea: Vigouroux, Key, Lissah, Welsh, Tymon, Widell (Just 65), Fulton (Stephen Eustaquio 65), Stamenic, Opoku (Yeo 24), Idah (Vipotnik 65), Eom (Ronald 85). Subs not used: Fisher, Seelt, Parente, Woodward. Booked: Just, Stamenic.

MIDDLESBRO' (0)3 — WEST BROM (0) 1
Lankshear 48, 73, Jones 87 — Morgan 65
Att: 29,571

Middlesbrough: Vitek, Brittain, Ayling, Malanda, Borges, Morris, Peart-Harris (Berhalter 46), Whittaker (Jones 69), McGree (Joseph 69), Sarmiento (Arfsten 40), Lankshear (Conway 86). Subs not used: Brynn, Phillips, Strelec, Castledine.

West Brom: O'Leary, Galves, Phillips, Campbell, Styles, Whitwell (Nzingoula 70), Molumby (Tunde 77), Diakite, Price, Myhre (Heggebo 77), Morgan (Stewart 86). Subs not used: Ingram, Williams, Mepham, Townsend, Bany. Booked: Diakite.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Charlton	3	3	0	0	5	2	9
Wolves	3	2	1	0	9	4	7
Swansea	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
QPR	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Middlesbro'	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Millwall	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
West Brom	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Birmingham	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Watford	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Blackburn	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Bolton	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Bristol City	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Cardiff	3	0	3	0	5	5	3
Sheff Utd	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Portsmouth	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Norwich	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Lincoln City	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Southampton	3	2	0	1	9	4	2
West Ham	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Wrexham	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Derby	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Burnley	3	0	1	2	4	9	1
Preston	3	0	0	3	2	6	0
Stoke	3	0	0	3	3	9	0

(Southampton deducted 4 points)

NORWICH (3) 4 — BURNLEY (1) 1
Toure 2, 21, Brooks 5, 67 — Laurent 27
Att: 25,498

Norwich: Kovacevic, Stacey, McConville, Cordoba, Chrisene, McLean (Wright 80), Mattsson, Brooks (Crnac 71), Schwartau (Ben Slimane 62), Musaba (Diallo 62), Toure (Kvistgaarden 71). Subs not used: Grimshaw, Darling, Yongwa, Fisher. Booked: Ben Slimane, Brooks, Cordoba, McConville.

Burnley: Weiss, Walker, Ahmedhodzic, Alleyne, Roberts, Mejbri (Raghouber 82), Laurent, Bruun Larsen (Edwards 64), Ramsey (Amdouni 64), Satpaev, Flemming (Hountondji 78). Subs not used: Worrall, Ekdal, Sambo, Ndayishimiye, Coudert. Booked: Flemming, Laurent. Sent-off: Laurent.

SOUTHAMPTN (2)5 — MILLWALL (1) 1
Larin 25, 62, Azaz 39, Scienza 55 (pen), Fellows 86 — Sykes 15
Att: 29,167

Southampton: Peretz, Bree, Wood-Gordon, Schlotterbeck (Stephens 87), Manning, Bragg, Downes (Ward-Prowse 46), Matsuki (Dobbin 81), Azaz, Scienza (Fellows 71), Larin (Mubama 70). Subs not used: Long, Welington, Akachukwu, Edozie. Booked: Fellows, Manning.

Millwall: Crocombe, Sykes, Taylor, Cooper, Sturge (Baggott 71), Neghli, De Norre, Metcalfe (Lovelace 79), Arconte (Kelly 71), Coburn (Dykes 80), Liebe (Cundle 61). Subs not used: Coleman, Osei-Tutu, Batth, Massey. Booked: Sykes.

WATFORD (1) 1 — WEST HAM (1) 1
Nabizada 19 — Pollock 27 (og)
Att: 20,976

Watford: Ravaglia, Traore, Pollock, Keben, Zemura, Bove, Kyprianou, Maamma (Vata 73), Bravo (Kayembe 85), Nabizada (Payero 60), Kjernumgaard (Doumbia 60). Subs not used: Walker, Bachmann, Chikovani, Adu-Poku, Eames. Booked: Bove, Keben, Maamma.

West Ham: Hermansen, Veltman, Golambeckis, Kilman, Walker-Peters (Scarles 86), Bowen, Engels, Kante (Orford 65), Solomon, Mukasa (Piroe 65), Castellanos. Subs not used: Herrick, Pablo Felipe, Lamadrid, Casey, Mayers, Ajala. Booked: Veltman.

WOLVES (2) 4 — STOKE (1) 1
R Gomes 19, 23, Jimenez 55 (pen), James 84 — Gallagher 2
Att: 30,334

Wolverhampton: Jose Sa, Tchatchoua, Djiga, T Gomes, H Bueno, Andre Trindade (Traore 73), Munetsi (Doyle 77), R Gomes (James 77), Lopez, Mane (Chirewa 83), Jimenez (Armstrong 73). Subs not used: Virginia, S Bueno, Wolfe, Pedro Lima. Booked: Mane.

Stoke: Johansson, Johnson, Lawal, Wilmot, Bocat, Soumare (Rigo 85), Galbraith, Gallagher (Martin 85), Bae (Manhoef 62), Thomas, Hirst (Bozenik 74). Subs not used: Griffiths, Graham, Anderson, Giani, Pearson. Booked: Bae, Gallagher, Lawal, Thomas.

PLAYED FRIDAY

WREXHAM (0) 1 — BIRMINGHM (1) 2
Doyle 54 — Neumann 13, 63
Att: 10,536

Wrexham: Patterson, Vyner, Hyam, Doyle (Windass 71), Imray (Kabore 71), Whiteman, O'Brien, Ekomie (Longman 71), Rathbone, Broadhead (Smith 71), Moore (Cadamarteri 79). Subs not used: Ward, Scarr, Cleworth, James. Booked: Cadamarteri.

Birmingham: Beadle, Samuel (Laird 90), Neumann, Klarer, Cochrane, Iwata, Solis, Vicente (Fry 90), Gray (Roberts 46), Stansfield (Paik 74), Priske (Vazquez 82). Subs not used: Allsop, Wright, Lund, Ducksch. Booked: Cochrane, Samuel.

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End in sight

TAKEOVER MIGHT BE WHAT PRESTON NEED IF THEY ARE TO WALK WITH GIANTS AGAIN

DEEP DESPAIR . . . Callum Lang and Liam Lindsay rue a missed chance at Charlton on Saturday

THE GLORY DAYS

NORTH END'S HONOURS

First Division champions
1888-89, 1889-90

Runners-up
1890-91, 1891-92, 1892-93, 1905-06, 1952-53, 1957-58

FA Cup winners
1888-89, 1937-38

Runners-up
1887-88, 1921-22, 1936-37, 1953-54, 1963-64

ONE OF THE BEST

AS well as their early successes, Preston also produced one of the top English players of all time in Tom Finney.

FINNEY AT PRESTON
1940-60

GAMES **473**

GOALS **210**

ENGLAND CAPS **76**

ENGLAND GOALS **30**

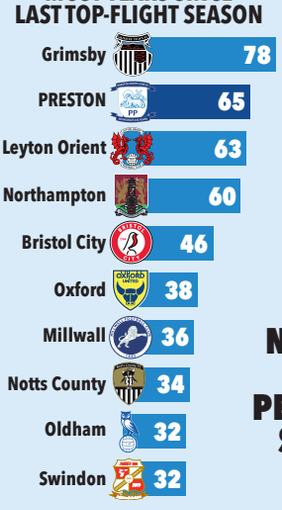
BOTTOM OF CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE SINCE JANUARY 17

		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
12	Blackburn	24	7	7	10	-8	28
13	QPR	23	7	6	10	-8	27
14	Bristol City	23	7	6	10	-10	27
15	West Brom	22	6	10	6	-2	26
16	Watford	24	4	9	11	-19	21
17	PRESTON	23	4	5	14	-22	17
18	Stoke	23	3	6	14	-20	15

(Ever-present sides only)

IN THE DOLDRUMS

MOST YEARS SINCE LAST TOP-FLIGHT SEASON



Ken Lawrence

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESTON NORTH END is the club time forgot — but times may finally be changing at Deepdale.

Last week's announcement that takeover talks were progressing — with American-Saudi businessman Amr Zedan *(below)* understood to be the front-runner — suggests the Lilywhites could finally be waking from their slumbers.

For more than half a century, the club's various owners have seemed content to muddle along in mediocrity — safe in the knowledge the club's place in history is assured.

Preston were one of the 12 founding fathers of the Football League in 1888.

In that very first 1888-89 season they became the English game's original 'Invincibles' with manager William Sudell's side winning the title and the FA Cup.

It would not be until Tottenham in 1961 that another team would complete the Double.

Preston were later graced by the legendary Sir Tom Finney, a wonderful footballer who scored 210 goals over 473 appearances and won 76 England caps.

A brilliant statue commemorating Finney, called The Splash, stands outside Deepdale — their home since being formed in 1880.

It recreates a vintage photograph from August 1956 of Finney cutting through a huge puddle at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge — leaving a spectacular curving wave behind him.

Just as that moment was frozen in time, so have Preston.

Top-flight status has not been held since relegation in 1961, a year after Finney retired.

And they are the only former English champions never to have played in the Premier League since the new era dawned in 1992.

True enough, PNE are not a big club . . . not now anyway.

Although they were giants before that first triumphant season — hated by many rivals for having the nerve to pay their players.

All around them are clubs — some of them much smaller — who have enjoyed their moments in the Premier League sun.

Wigan, Blackburn, Oldham, Bolton . . . even their arch-rivals Blackpool enjoyed a solitary season in the Prem in 2010-11.

The last trophy to be hoisted at Deepdale was the old Division Two crown, now League One, during David Moyes' first managerial role. When Moyes returned to his old stomping ground with Everton last week he oversaw a 4-0 Carabao Cup hammering of Paul Heckingbottom's side.

The Scot's satisfaction with his own team's performance was tempered by some wistful thinking about North End's fortunes.

Moyes said: "The one thing I would love to see here is Premier League football. So far it's never happened."

The club were put on the market soon after the death of Trevor Hemmings in 2021 having been run by his family since.

Lancashire businessman Hemmings *(right)*, who was based on the Isle of Man, was a billionaire.

But while he and his family poured in around £100million after he bought the club in 2010, the main ambition seemed to be keeping Preston afloat.

Maybe now Zedan — or one of the other unknown parties revealed last week to be interested in taking over — will do more than just try to keep their heads above water.

With business interests spanning from energy to horse racing, Zedan first sat down with the Hemmings family last season.

His spokesman said discussions were held "regarding an investment in the club intended to support its long-term Premier League ambitions".

Lilywhites fans have had precious little to get excited about since reaching back-to-back play-offs in 2014 and 2015.

But Zedan, who also happens to be chairman of the Saudi Polo Federation, appears to have the kind of cash to transform a genteel club not so much living in the last century as the one before.

Saturday's 1-0 defeat to Charlton — a third Championship reverse in a row to go with the Toffees hammering — has hardly raised spirits.

Zedan was among the prospective buyers of Chelsea when Roman Abramovich was forced to sell in the wake of Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

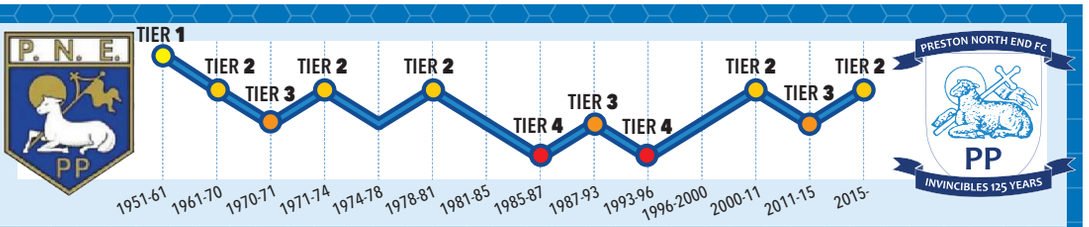
Todd Boehly's consortium came out on top but it took them £4.25billon to get there.

It will take plenty of dosh, of course.

But the next owners will not need anything like those eye-watering amounts to transform Preston.

What they will need is real ambition — something they have seen very little of since Finney's retirement left the club submerged in a time warp.

NORTH END'S LEAGUE PERFORMANCE SINCE 1951



NAT WILL DO NICELY

Stag's double sparks rout

Mansfield.....5
Luton.....2

By DAVID FLETT

NATHAN MORIAH-WELSH'S first goals in exactly a year set Mansfield on the way to a romp against Luton.

The Guyanese *(below)* netted twice before Louis Reed struck and Jon Russell also bagged a brace to leave the hosts 5–0 up with less than an hour gone.

Hatters' veteran forward Nahki Wells added a little respectability to the final scoreline with a double strike of his own.

Stags boss Nigel Clough admitted Luton's Carabao Cup exertions at Chelsea on Thursday influenced the outcome.

He said: "Without a doubt we benefitted from that but they were two brilliant and different strikes from Nathan.

"They were both as good as each other and it was that sort of day when things went for us."

Moriah-Welsh first swept an edge-of-the-box effort inside Josh Keeley's left-hand upright following a Russell lay-off.

He hit the target again on 27 minutes, driving across the face of goal and inside the far post after Regan Hendry dispossessed Kasey Palmer and fed the ball out to the right.

Reed netted a low 15-yard volley on the stroke of half-time, with ace Moriah-Welsh turning provider.

Luton were hoping for a second-half riposte but fell further behind when Russell pounced to side-foot firmly in from 12 yards.

The Jamaican international also hooked into the roof of the net when the visitors failed to deal with another Hendry centre.

Wells, 36, reduced the deficit by converting a penalty after being tripped by Kyle Knoyle, then drilled home a 15-yard shot during stoppage time.

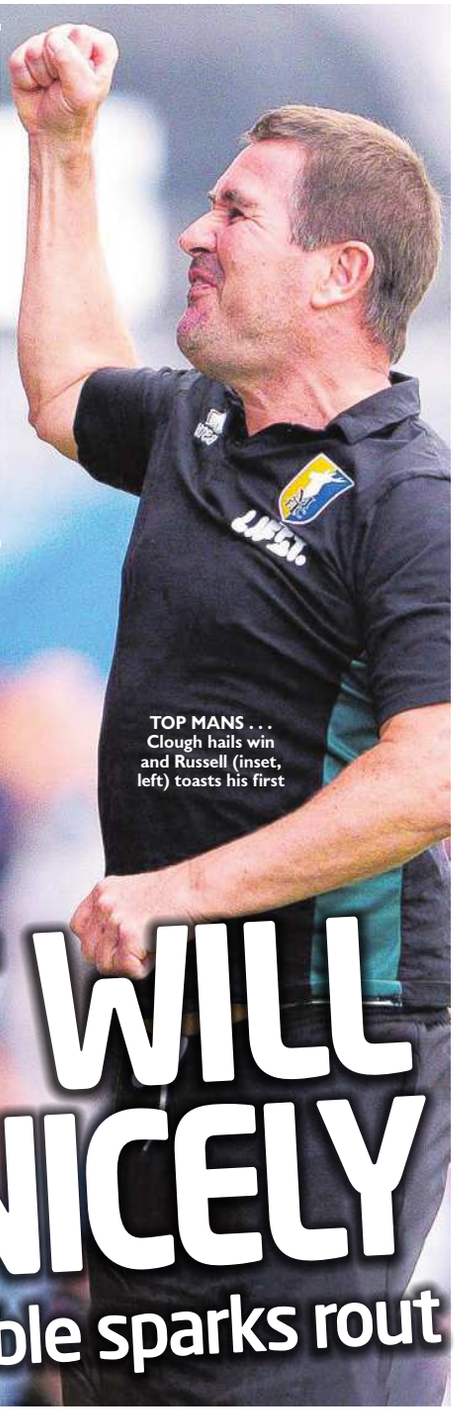
Hatters boss Jack Wilshere, who saw his team lose a League One match for the first time since March 7, confessed: "There are ways to lose and we lost the right way at Chelsea by going down fighting.

"But this defeat was unacceptable. I didn't recognise the team."

Myles Hippolyte's late winner propelled **WIMBLEDON** out of the drop zone and left **WIGAN** rock bottom with zero points.

Hippolyte, put through by Donnell McNeilly, poked home in the 88th minute to send the Dons up to 13th.

The Latics escaped relegation last term but seem set for another survival battle under boss Gary Caldwell.



TOP MANS . . . Clough hails win and Russell (inset, left) toasts his first

MATCH STATS

MANSFIELD		LUTON
21	SHOTS	12
6	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
42%	POSSESSION	58%
325	PASSES	469
241	COMPLETED PASSES	382
48	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	27
4	CORNERS	7
13	FOULS CONCEDED	13
4/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	2/0

LEAGUE ONE RESULTS & TABLE

BLACKPOOL (2) 4 — Williams 19, Charles 20, Anderson 56, Yates 72
PETERBORO' (0) 0 — Att: 9,327

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 — Bradshaw 80
HUD'SFIELD (0) 2 — Taylor 82, 89 (pen) Att: 7,041

L ORIENT (0) 1 — Oyekunle 85
BARNSLEY (1) 3 — Kirk 15, McGeehan 64 (pen), Cleary 76

MK DONS (0) 0
LEICESTER (0) 0 — Att: 16,198

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 — Pleguezuelo 44, White 50
BRADFORD (0) 0

SHEFF WED (3) 7 — Slattery 7, Burstow 31, Lowe 45, 73, Barry 46, 49, Otegbayo 81
BROMLEY (0) 2 — Adeboyejo 85 (pen), Otegbayo 87 (og) Att: 30,006

STEVENAGE (0) 2 — Magennis 57, Sanderson 82
DONCASTER (0) 2 — Senior 70, Bailey 80

STOCKPORT C (2) 5 — Wood 16, 23, Wootton 56, Diamond 61, Mandron 89
WYCOMBE (1) 1 — Woodrow 43 Att: 8,774

NOTTS CO (0) 2 — Smyth 78, 84 (pen)
BURTON ALB (1) 1 — Delap 22

PLAYED YESTERDAY

AFC WIM'DON (0) 1 — Hippolyte 88
WIGAN (0) 0 — Att: 7,304

MANSFIELD (3) 5 — Moriah-Welsh 17, 28, Reed 45, Russell 47, 56
LUTON (0) 2 — Wells 78 (pen), 90 Att: 8,754

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackpool	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Huddersfield	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Stockport Cty	3	2	0	1	9	4	6
Sheff Wed	3	2	0	1	9	4	6
Mansfield	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
Bradford	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Notts County	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Oxford Utd	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Barnsley	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Cambridge	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Burton Albion	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Plymouth	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Luton	3	1	1	1	8	10	4
AFC Wim'don	3	1	1	1	1	3	4
Bromley	3	1	1	1	4	8	4
MK Dons	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
Leyton Orient	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Peterborough	3	1	0	2	2	7	3
Stevenage	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Doncaster	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Leicester	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Wycombe	3	0	2	1	3	7	2
Reading	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Wigan	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

Tom raising bar

TOM JAMES was delighted to net his first BRISTOL ROVERS goal in a 2-0 win at CRAWLEY.

Summer signing James, 30, hit the opener when his free-kick went in off the bar.

The right-back, whose previous goal was November 2024 for Leyton Orient, said: "It's been a while."

League Two leaders BARNET saw their 100 per cent start ended by a 2-2 draw with CHELTENHAM.

SALFORD and ROCHDALE stay on zero having lost 1-0 to SHREWSBURY and COLCHESTER respectively. New Ammies boss Peter Cklamovski said: "I take responsibility."

LEAGUE TWO RESULTS & TABLE

BARNET (1) 2 — Lakin 11, Tshimanga 78 (pen)
CHELTENHAM (0) 2 — Broom 60, McCann 64

COLCHESTER (0) 1 — Williams 87
ROCHDALE (0) 0 — Att: 4,683

CRAWLEY TN (0) 0
BRISTOL R (2) 2 — James 23, Kamwa 41 Att: 4,120

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 — McManus 7
NORTHAMPTN (1) 1

GRIMSBY (1) 2 — Doyle 37, Cook 64
FLEETWOOD (1) 2 — Davies 6, Potter 69 Att: 7,067

NEWPORT (1) 2 — Gwengwe 11, 90
TRANMERE (0) 2 — Okoro 71, Jones 75 Att: 4,606

OLDHAM (1) 3 — Nevitt 41, Kavanagh 84 (pen), Fondop-Talom 90
SWINDON (0) 0

PORT VALE (0) 0
CREWE (0) 0 — Att: 8,997

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 — Tavares 12, Mullin 90
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 — Mandeville 88 (pen) Att: 9,391

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 — Boyle 74
SALFORD (0) 0

WALSALL (2) 3 — Smith 8, Burke 45, Pressley 53
ACCRINGTON (1) 2 — Woods 12, Mols 57

YORK (1) 2 — Newby 7, Malcolm 76
EXETER (0) 1 — Fitzwater 90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	3	2	1	0	8	4	7
Walsall	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
York	3	2	1	0	6	4	7
Colchester	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Crewe	3	2	1	0	2	0	7
Oldham	3	2	0	1	6	2	6
Bristol Rovers	3	2	0	1	9	6	6
Tranmere	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Fleetwood	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Grimsby	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Newport Co	3	1	1	1	8	7	4
Cheltenham	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Rotherham	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Swindon	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
Exeter	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Chesterfield	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Crawley Town	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Shrewsbury	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Northampton	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Port Vale	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Gillingham	3	0	2	1	1	4	2
Accrington	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Salford City	3	0	0	3	1	5	0
Rochdale	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

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Goals

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Leo is just foursome

LIONEL MESSI scored FOUR as Inter Miami hammered Montreal 7-1.

Casemiro got his first Inter goal since leaving Manchester United before Messi struck either side of half-time to make it 2-1.

Argie star Leo *(right)* completed his hat-trick on 83 minutes and added an injury-time free-kick.

Luis Suarez and Alexander Shaw also scored late on for Inter.

ACTION ABROAD

LA LIGA

Alaves 1 Villarreal 0; Racing Santander 3 Elche 2; Levante 5 Real Betis 2; Real Sociedad 2 Espanyol 1; Sevilla 1 Atletico Madrid 3; Celta Vigo L Athletic Bilbao L; Deportivo La Coruna 3 Valencia 1; Real Madrid 4 Malaga 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
Atl Madrid	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Alaves	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Barcelona	2	2	0	0	7	0	6
Sevilla	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Real Betis	3	2	0	1	4	5	6
Deportivo	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Osasuna	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Levante	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
R Santander	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Espanyol	3	1	0	2	5	4	3
Getafe	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Real Sociedad	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Villarreal	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
R Vallecano	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Celta Vigo	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Valencia	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Elche	3	0	1	2	3	9	1
Malaga	3	0	1	2	1	7	1
Ath Bilbao	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

BUNDESLIGA

Bayern Munich 5 Stuttgart 1; Borussia Dortmund 2 Hamburg 0; Cologne 3 Hoffenheim 2; Elversberg 3 Bayer Leverkusen 2; Mainz 0 Paderborn 0; RB Leipzig 3 Borussia M'gladbach 0; Union Berlin 3 Eintracht Frankfurt 3; Augsburg 3 Schalke 04 0; Freiburg 4 Werder Bremen 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Freiburg	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Augsburg	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
RB Leipzig	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
B Dortmund	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Cologne	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Elversberg	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
E Frankfurt	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Union Berlin	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Mainz	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Paderborn	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
B Leverkusen	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Hoffenheim	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Hamburg	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Werder Bremen	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
B M'gladbach	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Schalke 04	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Stuttgart	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

SERIE A

AC Milan 2 Venezia 0; Fiorentina 0 Frosinone 3; Juventus 2 Parma 0; Monza 2 Udinese 3; Sassuolo 2 Torino 1; Cagliari 0 Inter Milan 1; Lazio 1 Genoa 0; Napoli 1 Como 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Inter Milan	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
AC Milan	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Juventus	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Lazio	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Udinese	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Como	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Roma	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Lecce	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Atalanta	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Frosinone	2	1	0	1	3	1	3
Napoli	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Sassuolo	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Cagliari	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Bologna	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Torino	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Genoa	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Parma	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Monza	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Venezia	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Fiorentina	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

LIGUE 1

Lille 2 PSG 2; Auxerre 1 Angers 3; Brest 2 Toulouse 2; Lorient 1 Troyes 2; Lyon 1 Le Havre 1; Strasbourg 2 Lens 1; Monaco 2 Marseille 0; Paris FC 3 Nice 0; Rennes 3 Le Mans 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Monaco	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Paris FC	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Lille	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Lyon	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Rennes	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Troyes	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Lens	2	1	0	1	6	4	3
Marseille	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Angers	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Strasbourg	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
Brest	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
PSG	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Le Mans	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Le Havre	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Lorient	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Toulouse	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Nice	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Auxerre	2	0	0	2	3	8	0

EREDIVISIE: Groningen 2 Fortuna Sittard 3; AZ 5 Go Ahead Eagles 2; Excelsior 2 Sparta 1; PEC Zwolle 1 NEC 3; Cambuur 1 Twente 4; Feyenoord 2 ADO Den Haag 2; Telstar 0 Ajax 4; Utrecht 1 PSV 6; Willem II 2 Heerenveen 2

SCOTLAND

PREMIERSHIP

CELTIC (2)	2	FALKIRK (0)	1
Duran 4, 29		Donovan 72 (og)	
HEARTS (2)	2	ST JOHNSTNE (0)	1
Wilson 9		Paton 48	
Alic 39 (og)		Att: 18,714	
KILMARNCK (0)	0	DUNDEE UTD (3)	4
		Agyei 12	
		Sapsford 36 (pen)	
Att: 5,389		Ferry 41, Randall 77	
ABERDEEN (0)	0	RANGERS (0)	1
Att: 18,343		Shankland 69 (pen)	
DUNDEE (0)	1	HIBERNIAN (1)	2
Westley 83		Boyle 25	
		Wright 61	
		Att: 6,534	
ST MIRREN (3)	3	MOTHERWELL (2)	3
Nsio 39		Maswanhise 2	
John 44		Charles-Cook 24	
Ramos 45		Kanga 90	
		Att: 5,295	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
St Mirren	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Hearts	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Dundee	4	2	0	2	5	3	6
Hibernian	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Motherwell	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Rangers	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Dundee Utd	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
St Johnstone	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Aberdeen	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Falkirk	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Kilmarnock	3	0	0	3	4	13	0

CHAMPIONSHIP

Arbroath 1 Livingston 0, Ayr 1 Morton 1, Partick 0 Queen's Park 0, Stenhousemuir 3 Inverness CT 1, Dunfermline 1 Raith 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stenh'muir	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
Partick	4	2	2	0	4	1	8
Raith	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
Arbroath	4	2	1	1	3	3	7
Livingston	4	2	0	2	4	3	6
Ayr	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Dunfermline	4	1	2	1	2	3	5
Inverness CT	4	0	3	1	2	4	3
Morton	4	0	1	3	2	6	1
Queen's Park	4	0	1	3	1	6	1

LEAGUE ONE

Airdrieonians 0 East Fife 0, Alloa 1 Peterhead 1, Hamilton 1 Cove Rangers 0, Montrose 2 Queen of South 1, Ross County 4 East Kilbride 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	5	4	1	0	11	0	13
Ross County	4	4	0	0	10	2	12
Alloa	5	2	2	1	6	2	8
East Kilbride	5	2	1	2	9	9	7
Peterhead	5	2	1	2	4	6	7
East Fife	5	1	3	1	3	2	6
Montrose	5	2	0	3	6	11	6
Cove Rangers	5	1	1	3	5	6	4
Airdrieonians	5	0	3	2	2	8	3
Queen of Sth	4	0	0	4	2	10	0

LEAGUE TWO - Annan Athletic 2 Dumbarton 0, Elgin 4 Stirling 0, Spartans 3 Clyde 3, Stranraer 2 Kelty Hearts 0, Edinburgh City 1 Forfar 1.

SHANK SAVES DEREK

Penalty winner

By JON WEST

DEREK McINNES and the Rangers faithful finally had something to smile about after Lawrence Shankland's penalty downed Aberdeen.

Manager McInnes was under pressure following Gers' loss on penalties to Czech minnows Jablonec on Thursday as they failed to reach the Conference League.

But Shankland, a summer signing from Hearts, kept his nerve from the spot in the 69th minute after Dan Happe had fouled Djeidi Gassama. McInnes said: "It has been a tough couple of days but we've now dug deep and got our reward.

"Probably for the first time this season, I've really enjoyed watching the team.

"And for the first time in a long time, a lot of Rangers supporters probably enjoyed the performance. Thursday was really poor, so the players deserve credit for sorting their heads out."

Dons were aggrieved Kevin Nisbet's late header was ruled out by VAR for a push on Dujon Sterling – although the striker also seemed to be offside.

Aberdeen manager Stephen Robinson said: "Key moments went against us.

"I can't control decisions – but I can control how to defend better.

"In the first half we should have had more composure in front of goal."

Aberdeen.....0
Rangers.....1

WELL SPOTTED . . . Shankland fires home Gers' penalty to ease the pressure on his manager

KIT BETWEEN HIS TEETH . . . Shankland hails penalty winner

FREE LIONS!

Jude so happy with role under Mourinho

RINGING THE CHANGES . . . Bellingham has licence to roam

By JON WEST

JUDE BELLINGHAM was Real Madrid's 'free lion' as last season's crisis club extended their rip-roaring start under Jose Mourinho.

England star Bellingham scored the first and saw another effort put down as an own goal in a mauling of Malaga.

It is three wins in three LaLiga games in the Special One's second coming as manager at the Bernabeu.

Real – left for dead by Barcelona last term under both Xabi Alonso and Alvaro Arbeloa – have scored 10 goals so far and conceded just two.

Bellingham has been a big part of that and explained why – Mourinho has given him licence to roam.

The Brummie, now fluent in Spanish, said: "I feel more free now. I have more freedom to move, to go up and down the pitch depending on what we need.

"I'm really enjoying my football – and that's why I'm performing well."

Kylian Mbappe, scorer of a hat-trick against Real Sociedad on Wednesday, added a third with just half an hour on the clock. And Arda Guler came off the bench to make it four late on.

Bellingham netted first on 19 minutes with a superb solo effort. He out-muscled Angel Recio in the middle of the park before driving at pace into the box.

That left two other challengers trailing before he fired home from a tight angle on the right.

VAR refused to uphold Recio's cries of foul – and Real were on their way.

Bellingham was unlucky not to claim his side's second after Mbappe saw a shot parried.

He leaped to head the rebound goalwards but defender Carlos Puga ended up whacking it over the line off keeper Alfonso Herrero.

England reject Trent Alexander-Arnold had been brought back for this one and provided a pinpoint cross from the right four minutes later for Mbappe to convert first time.

It was a 60th LaLiga goal for the France superstar. Only Harry Kane has been scoring more in Europe's top leagues since Mbappe left Paris Saint-Germain in 2024.

The second half was less impressive. Bernardo Silva came off the bench and so did Guler after Malaga had a penalty award overturned by VAR.

Guler tapped home Vinicius Junior's cross from point-blank range following a swift one-two with the Brazilian.

Real Madrid.....4
Malaga.....0